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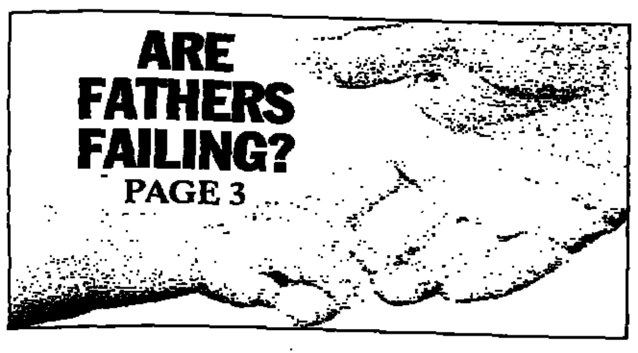

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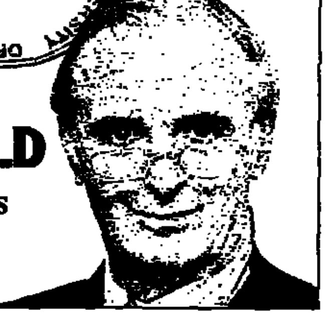

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# Labour poll lead slashed by the Tories

BY PETER RIDDELL

THE general election came alive for the first time last night as an opinion poll for *The Times* showed that the Conservatives have started to make big inroads into Labour's commanding lead.

The MORI poll, *taken on* Tuesday, puts the Tories on 34 per cent, up six points since last week, while Labour is down by a similar amount to 49 per cent. The Liberal Democrats are up a point at 12 per *cent. Tony Blair's rating* as the most capable Prime Minister has also dropped sharply over the past week.

The real significance of these figures is less the sharp fluctuations in the figures over the past week, or *the narrowing* in the Labour lead from 27 to 15 points, than the evidence that the Tory rating is at last climbing out of the narrow *band where it has been for 18* months.

The Tories have been stuck around 30 per cent, plus or minus a couple of points, and 34 per cent is the party's highest figure in a MORI poll for more than four years. Labour is still only at the lower end of its recent poll ratings and remains strong favourite to win a clear Commons majority.

All the parties have been *waiting — whether eagerly or* nervously — for some sign of a real shift in the polls to change the mood after the apparent stalemate of the first three weeks of the campaign. *Until* now, only one pollster has *shown* any real movement.

If the Tory advance is sustained over the next few days, there will be pressure on Labour to *modify* its safety-first *style* of campaigning and take more risks. By contrast, Tory morale will be boosted after all the distractions caused by the recurrent stories about "sleaze" and *the* Neil Hamilton affair. The latest *poll was taken after* Martin Bell made his dramatic entrance into the Tatton contest as an anti-corruption candidate.

Nevertheless, *Labour is still* in a much stronger position with a bigger lead than during any recent general election *campaign.* There is no precedent for the Tories to reverse the huge gap that still exists between them and Labour before polling day.

The poll, however, suggests that Labour's shifts and alleged *U-turns* in *the* presentation of privatisation and union policy over the past few days have had an impact — as have the stepped-up attacks by John Major and Michael Heseltine.

They have not only helped to raise the Tory rating, but also made some people less sure of *how they intend to vote. The* proportion of people saying that they may change their minds has risen from 25 to 28 per cent over the past week, *which is higher than during* past campaigns. But the number certain to vote is lower than at the same stage of past campaigns.

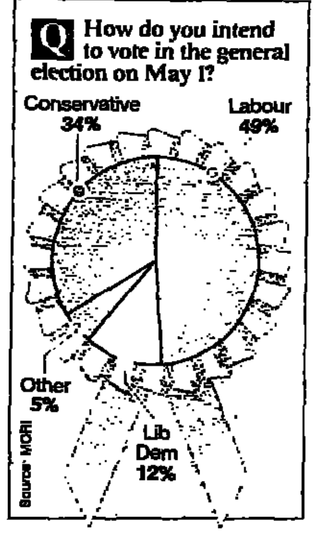
The number of people who think Mr Blair would be the *most capable Prime Minister* has fallen from 46 to 35 per cent — with his appeal declining most among men and among 18 to 34-year-olds. This has only partly benefited John Major, now regarded as most *capable to be Prime Minister* by 27 per cent, compared with 22 per cent a week ago. As significant has been a rise in don't knows from 18 to 24 per cent. *Nevertheless, a majority* of the public still believes that Labour is ready to form the next government and that Mr Blair is ready to be Prime Minister.

The Tory upturn is *confirmed by other questions* asking which party is best on the issues which people regard as the most important in deciding their votes. While Labour is well ahead on the issues of most concern — *health, education and unemployment* — the Tories have improved their position on management of the economy and taxation.

While Labour has been emphasising broken promises over tax made at the last election, the Tories have been concentrating on more recent tax cuts and improvements in living standards. Senior ministers will this *morning seek to* highlight the latest unemployment figures.

*MORI interviewed 1,114 adults at 83 sampling points across Britain on Tuesday, April 8. Voting intention figures exclude those who say they would not vote (8 per cent), those who say they are undecided (12 per cent) and those who refuse to say (4 per cent).*

Q How do you intend to vote in the general election on May 1?



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❝The Saatchis will have to try harder if they want to frighten voters without reminding them of the record of Tory years❞

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MICHAEL POWELL

*Melissa Bell, the devoted press agent, yesterday: "Dad would make a great MP"*

# New rival for Hamilton

BY RUSSELL JENKINS AND CAROL MIDGLEY

A SENIOR Tatton Conservative is on the verge of standing as an independent Tory against Neil Hamilton. Derek Squirrel, deputy mayor of Knutsford, is said to be *considering his position* and an announcement is possible on Saturday.

The move came as the anti-sleaze candidate Martin Bell, revealed his secret weapon: his 21-year-old daughter, Melissa, who is acting as his press officer. Miss Bell, the elder of two daughters, is articulate, *bilingual, and utterly* photogenic. She is also devoted to her father, who would make a "great MP — not beholden to some party whip".

Mr Squirrel, a local businessman who has been a member of the Tatton Conservative Association for eight *years,* is understood to be under pressure from friends to enter the lists. Asked whether he intended to stand, he replied: "The dust has not *settled yet. I have had a lot of* telephone calls."

Other rebels want a high-profile Conservative — perhaps a seatless former MP — *to come forward. That, they* believe, might prompt Mr Hamilton to stand down.

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SQUIRREL EMERGES TO CHALLENGE HAMILTON

*"I don't believe it. One day a chicken and now this."*

# Middle Britain is hit hardest by changes in the tax system

BY ALASDAIR MURRAY AND JILL SHERMAN

TAX changes since 1992 are costing the average household £7 a week, an independent study concluded yesterday.

The Institute for Fiscal Studies, the economic research group, said those earning between £15,000 and £20,000 a year and the "traditional" single-earning family had been among the biggest losers from the tax rises.

Low income families have also suffered *heavily from the* increases, which include the rise in National Insurance contributions, the introduction of VAT on fuel and cuts in mortgage interest rate relief.

The IFS said taxes have increased by a total of £11.5 billion since the last election with the tax burden rising from 34.5 per cent of national income to 36.25 per cent — *although taxes remain lower* than in most European countries.

The data is based on a comparison of the tax system operating *in 1992 with the new* tax regime introduced this month, disregarding rises in income. The IFS has calculated how much people are paying in tax now against how much they would be paying if *the Chancellor had made no* tax changes, except to take account of inflation, in every Budget since 1992.

The report added intensity to exchanges between Labour and the Tories over tax on the *anniversary of the last general* election. Gordon Brown, the Shadow Chancellor, said Mr Major had been telling "a lie" when he claimed the tax *burden was unchanged.* "From the party that claims to stand up for the family, families with children have been hardest hit by the changes in *taxation," he said.*

Kenneth Clarke said the IFS report confirmed "the substantial rise in living standards" under the Government since the last election. "*It* argues that Labour's planned windfall tax — the *key point in* their July Budget — would be unfair to consumers," the Chancellor said.

The report found that *couples on one salary with* children are £12.70 a week worse off — paying around 3.7 per cent extra of their total income in taxes.

A couple with two children earning between £15,028 and £17,363 a year are £6.50 a week worse off now than in 1992, a loss of around 3.1 per cent of their total income. Couples earning less than £9,516 have *also been hit hard, paying* 3.3 per cent — or £2.80 a week — more of their income as tax now than in 1992.

Middle Britain has suffered because of changes to married couples' allowances and mortgage interest relief, whilst the lowest income groups have been hit by VAT on fuel and tobacco.

Pensioners have suffered *least as they have not been hit* by increases in National Insurance contributions or cuts in mortgage interest relief. Single pensioners are paying 80p more in tax a week, *whilst* couples are paying £2.40 more *now than in 1992* — around 1.1 per cent of their total income.

But the IFS added that incomes have risen since the last election — although not at *levels seen in the 1980s.*

The average income for a married couple with two child

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## Canvassing MP is attacked

A *man* approached Jerry Hayes, 43, the Tory MP, who was canvassing in his Harlow, Essex, constituency, swore at him and punched *him on the jaw before running* off. Mr Hayes, who was sent home after hospital treatment, said: "This has never happened to me before in Harlow."

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# Golfer repeats the hole-in-one magic

BY ADAM FRESCO

TWO women golfers who scored a hole in one at the same hole within seconds of each other were celebrating another success last night.

*Suzi* Toft, of Trentham, near Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire, and Jill Dyke defied odds of 100 million to one with their shots last week. Television *crews turned* up at Trentham golf course yesterday to watch the pair play and were astounded when one of *them* scored a hole in one again on *the same* hole.

Standing on the 116-yard par three fourth hole, with ITN cameras whirring, Mrs Toft, 72, took a five wood, hit the ball onto the green and watched in amazement as it dropped into the hole.

Mrs Toft said: "It really is absolutely out of this world." *Mrs Dyke, 60, then* sent her tee shot to within a foot of the hole. She said: "It was wonderful, we were euphoric." Paul Austin, director of sports for City Index, said: "For two of them to get a hole in one we would give odds of half a *million to one. For one of them* then to do the same thing a few days later raises the odds to 15 million to one."

Bookmakers Ladbrokes have *quoted odds of more than* 100 million to one on such a repeat.

*Toft: said the shot was totally out of this world*

# National Trust to ban deer hunts

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY
COUNTRYSIDE CORRESPONDENT

THE *National Trust is set to* ban deer hunting on its land today in a move that will end a tradition going back more than half a century after a *damning scientific report concluded* that the sport is unacceptably cruel.

A recommendation that deer-hunting licences should *not be renewed on expiring at* the end of this month, when the current season finishes, is considered almost certain to be endorsed at a meeting of *the trust's 52-member governing* council.

The two-year study compiled by Patrick Bateson, Professor of Ethology at *Cambridge University, found that* hunted deer experienced extreme physical stress similar to that suffered by animals severely injured in accidents.

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# Germans welcome fans with beer

BY ADRIAN LEE

MANCHESTER UNITED fans, who converged on Dortmund for their team's *Champions League semi-final* last night, enjoyed a six-hour "festival" in the sun, as part of a massive, but low key security operation by German *police. Some officers wore* United scarves.

In the city's central Alter-Markt, some 3,000 supporters were able to drink freely *before the game. The* match was shown live on a giant video screen for those unable to get tickets.

Rival fans mingled good *humouredly and there was* little trouble from the British supporters.

One United fan was taken to hospital after he was *apparently struck on the head with a* bottle and there were minor skirmishes before the game. There was no sign of the 300 German troublemakers that *police had predicted might try* to ambush the English supporters, though 25 German fans were arrested before the game for fighting among themselves.

Police handed out leaflets in English welcoming the United fans to Dortmund. Organisers said the festival ensured most *of the supporters were in one* area of Dortmund before the game and they defended the ready availability of strong lager, at £2 a pint, which left *many fans clearly* the worse for wear well before kick-off.

"If we don't serve beer, fans will just buy it from the shops," said Gerd Kolbe, a *council spokesman.* Police said they expected up to 1,000 ticketless United fans, but were confident there would be no repeat of the violence which *marred the team's visit to* Portugal in the previous round.

Last night's match was a 48,000 sell-out, with 3,800 *United fans having* bought tickets officially.

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# Stoppard trial blunder starts fingerprint inquiry

By Richard Ford
HOME CORRESPONDENT

A MISTAKE in the identification of a fingerprint caused the collapse of the trial yesterday of a man accused of burglary at the home of the medical broadcaster Miriam Stoppard. An investigation will now check all other cases which involved the same fingerprint expert.

The accused man, Andrew Chiori, 21, a student, had served two months on remand awaiting trial for allegedly stealing £41,000 in 1995 from the Mayfair home of Mrs Stoppard, who is also an author and agony aunt. Simon Harris, a fingerprint expert with the Metropolitan Police, had said that he was "in no doubt" that Chiori was responsible for the break-in, after examining a print found on a wall.

*However, other experts hired by* Chiori's lawyers found that the conclusion's were "fatally flawed", and the Metropolitan Police have now called in officers from South Yorkshire to carry out an inquiry into how the error was made. Other evidence presented by Mr Harris will be checked in the inquiry headed by Chief Superintendent David Foss, of South Yorkshire Police.

Last night the Metropolitan Police referred all inquiries in the case to the South Yorkshire force, which said that it could not give a *detailed comment* as Mr Foss was not avaialable.

Mr Chiori, from Woolwich, southeast London, was formally acquitted at Southwark CrOwn Court yesterday after Peter Grieves-Smith, for the prosecution, said that Mr Harris had made an error of judgement.

Mr Chiori, who pleaded not guilty, was not in court for the acquittal, which took place before his trial opened.

Mr Grieves-Smith said that Mr Harris had made an error of judgment. He told Judge Gerald *Butler*, QC: "*It was an* error of judgement by Mr Harris to come to the conclusion that he did. I am asked to apologise for the errror that he made.

"The work he has done in the past is being double-checked, but we do not anticipate any further problems."

The court was told that fingerprint experts present their reports on a sliding scale of reliability, using the categories "in no doubt", "highly probable", "probable" and "possible".

Mr Harris had put the Chiori identification in the top category. The judge said that he rarely saw the words "in no doubt", and added: "There is a public interest, a proper public interest, in this particular case as Chiori spent some time in prison awaiting trial."

Frank Kearney, solicitor for Chiori, said last night that he had challenged the fingerprint evidence of Mr Harris in February and had demanded a review. He said that the print was not his client's, and there was no other evidence against him.

The Crown Prosecution Service wrote to him last month to say that they would be offering no evidence against Mr Chiori. Mr Kearney said: "I requested a full explanation and I am still awaiting one."

He said that yesterday's move highlighted the need for all forensic evidence to be challenged. He would be advising Mr Chiori to take civil action to claim damages for the two months he spent in prison on remand.

Fingerprints have been viewed as a reliable way of proving guilt. Sixteen different characteristics per print have been required as proof, but police are now suggesting that that number need not always be obtained.

The Association of Chief Police Officers is suggesting that the opinion of a fingerprint expert should be sufficient.

# US legal firms snap up City offices

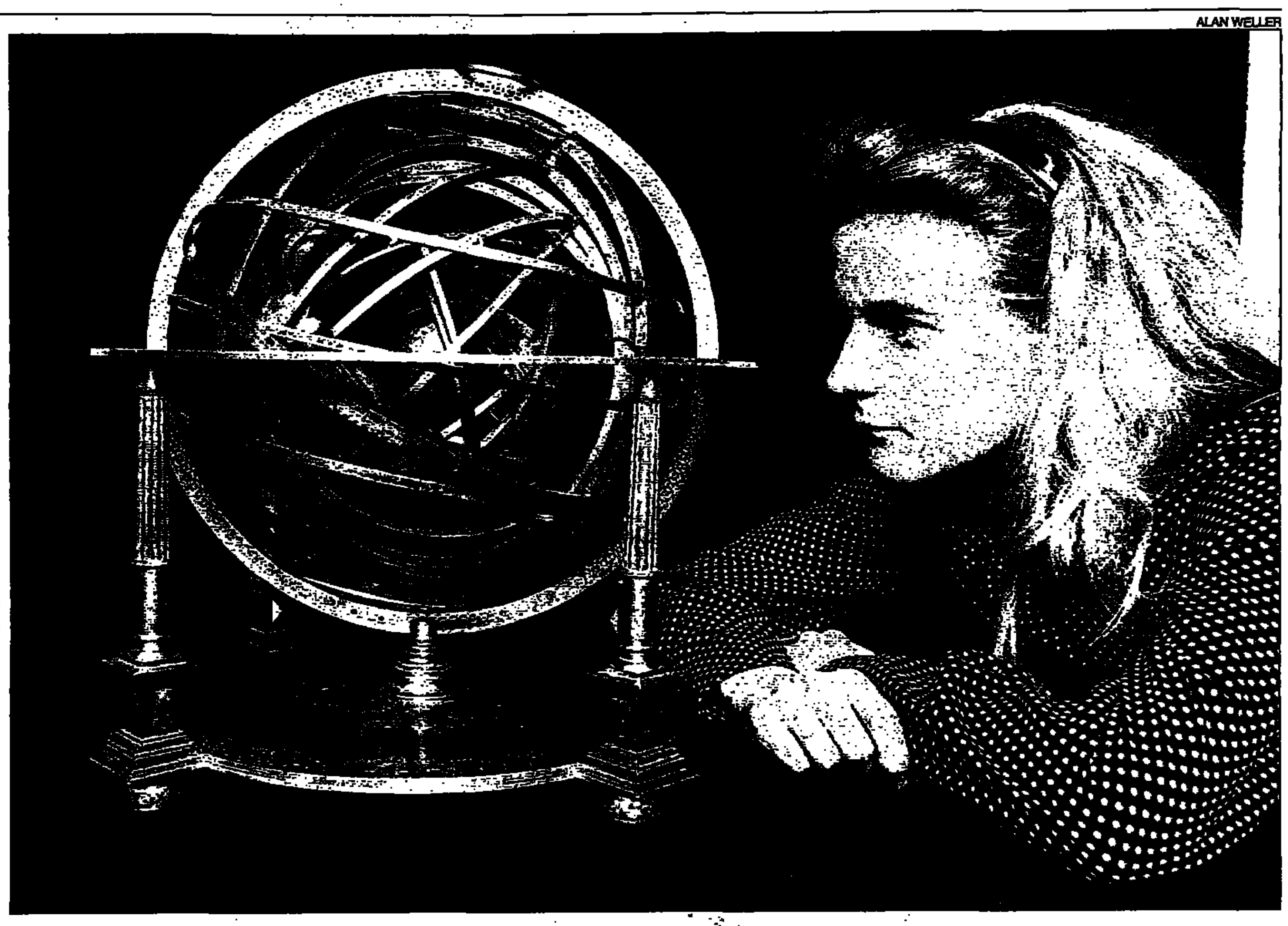
By Frances Gibb, legal correspondent

AMERICAN law firms are buying huge chunks of the City in a new competition drive with the big London law firms. A survey by Chesterton, the property consultants, has found that American lawyers have taken or are looking for an extra 137,000 sq ft — three acres — of office space in the City. American law firms now occupy 180,000 sq ft.

The expansion is likely to create a fresh boost to City lawyers' salaries as recruitment competition hots up. Judged against the yardstick *that* American law firms require 300 to 400 sq ft per lawyer, the survey suggests that US law firms are preparing to recruit more than 340 lawyers to fill their new office blocks. Some will come from the firms' headquarters in the States. But many will be poached from City law firms.

Mark Bourne, of Chesterton, said: "UK lawyers will need to look to their laurels. Our research proves that the threat to their business from across the Atlantic is both real and growing." He said American law firms have changed their business strategy. "No longer are they content just to service US corporations in the UK — they are now recruiting British lawyers and seeking to compete aggressively with UK firms for a wide range of legal business."

US law firms are already creating a superleague of highly-paid lawyers. Last year one US law firm advertised a salary package of between £200,000 to £700,000 a year for three partners.


ALAN WELLER

# Old view of the universe sells for an astronomical price

THIS rare sphere, representing the Earth as the centre of the universe, was sold in London yesterday for £771,500, three times more than expected (Tim Jones writes). Victoria Lynne, a Christie's expert, took the opportunity of a further look before it returned to private hands.

Although its astronomical functions have long been discredited, the 16th-century sphere was regarded as the ultimate scientific acquisition, the supercomputer of its day.

At auction, it took just four minutes to change hands between anonymous European collectors in telephone bidding. The previously unrecorded piece, made for Sultan Murad III of Turkey in 1579, was expected to fetch between £200,000 and £300,000.

The multi-banded representation of the motions of celestial bodies around the Earth includes a band for the astrological 12 Houses of Heaven, with a description of the good or bad fortune to be expected under each house. Just 16ins high, it is the only such sphere known to have been in private hands. Jeremy Collins, another Christie's specialist said: "Quite simply, this is probably the most expensive practical instrument of its day. It represents the highest form of art in the late Renaissance period."

The gilt-brass Ptolemaic armillary sphere was probably made by craftsmen from Flanders. Mr Collins said: "In the late 16th century, the very best instrument makers were the highest paid artisans in the world, and the things they made were the ultimate in the high technology of the age. The instruments indicated the status of the owner as someone who understood modern science."

Ptolemy, the astronomer and geographer Calaudius Ptolemaeus, was at Alexandria between AD 127 and 151. He said the Earth was the fixed centre of the universe.

## Five held in Dublin over Guerin murder

Irish police arrested five people yesterday in connection with the murder of the crime journalist Veronica Guerin, who was shot dead in a Dublin street last June. One of those detained was Patrick Holland, who was arrested with a female companion at Dun Laoghaire as they left the ferry from Holyhead at 6am.

Mr Holland, 58, who moved to England in the autumn, has publicly denied killing Ms Guerin, 36, who won numerous awards for her investigations into Dublin's drug barons. Mr Holland was detained under the Irish Republic's Offences Against the *State Act, which allows* police to hold him for 48 hours for questioning. He was *taken to Lucan* police *station in* Dublin, which is the headquarters of the investigation into the murder of Ms Guerin. Three other men were arrested in the Irish capital.

## M5 work for two years

The AA is predicting long delays this summer at the Avonmouth Bridge on the M5 near Bristol after contractors said it would take until at least February 1999 for roadworks to be completed. Numerous hidden problems were found at the bridge, which is being strengthened to take heavier lorries that will be allowed on roads from January 1999. The work could double the original £50 million estimated cost and in peak summer lead to repeats of the 31-mile traffic jams which clogged the approach to the bridge on Easter Monday. Work had been scheduled to finish in May 1998.

## New Aids treatment

A new approach to treating Aids is showing considerable promise, scientists at Glaxo-Wellcome have announced. In laboratory tests they have been able to prevent the entry of the HIV virus into cells. Studies have shown that HIV *infects immune* system cells *which have* molecules called CD4 on their surface. But recently scientists identified two further "co-factors" that are also necessary for infection. These materials are called chemokines, and operate by locking on to receptors — hooks — on the surface of the killer cells. The new method, published in *Science*, uses a modified form of a natural chemokine to block these receptors.

## Soldier's death payout

The widow and four children of a soldier who died when an armoured reconnaissance vehicle overturned while on exercise in the former West Germany have agreed to accept £260,000 compensation, the High Court was told. Paul Flemming, 30, a lance corporal in the First King's Unit, was in command of the Fox vehicle when it went out of control on July 13, 1989. Glenis Flemming sued the Ministry of Defence, claiming that Fox vehicles had been in 189 accidents between 1979 and 1989, with 11 fatalities, and should have been withdrawn. The MoD admitted liability.

## Marchioness damages

A saxophonist has accepted High Court *damages of* £150,000 after her career was wrecked by the *Marchioness* disaster in August 1989. Jo Wells, 38, right, was aboard the pleasure cruiser when it collided with the sand dredger *Bowbelle*. Fifty-one people were killed. Ms Wells, who had toured with the band Tears for Fears, has been unable to work since because of severe depression.

## Billie-Jo inquest opens

Billie-Jo Jenkins died from severe head injuries caused by numerous skull fractures, an inquest was told. The girl, 13, was killed in February at home in Hastings. Detective Superintendent Jeremy Paine, head of the murder inquiry, *told the inquest that she* had been struck repeatedly with a heavy instrument. The girl's legal guardian, *Sion* Jenkins, 39, has been charged with her murder and released on £250,000 bail. Her natural mother, Debbie Woods, travelled from her home in Essex to attend the ten-minute hearing in Hastings yesterday. The inquest was adjourned.

# Middle earners are hit hardest by tax changes

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ren and a *single* earner *has* risen by £765 this Parliament compared with £2,035 in the period 1987 to 1992.

But Chris Giles of the IFS, said: "Income gains over the last 15 years have been skewed towards people with high income."

Incomes for the richest 10 per cent of households are 59 per cent *higher* than *in 1979*, whilst incomes for the poorest 10 per cent of society have risen by only 6 per cent compared with 18 years ago.

The IFS said that neither of the main parties' manifesto plans to reduce tax are likely *to improve this position*. The Conservatives say they will reduce the basic rate of tax to 20 per cent, which the IFS said would cost around £6 billion a year in lost tax revenue.

Labour, meanwhile, has said it will aim to introduce a 10 per cent starting rate "in the long term", which the IFS says will cost £9.5 billion if the 10 per cent rate replaced the existing 20 per cent band.

Liberal Democrat plans to increase allowances, raise the basic rate by 1 per cent and impose a new 50 per cent rate on taxable incomes of more *than £100,000 would raise £2* billion, the IFS said. People with an annual income below £13,000 would be better off, while those on higher incomes would lose out. The 140,000 people who earn more than £100,000 would be worse off.

The IFS also issued a stern warning to both major parties that they are unlikely to meet their public spending targets during the next few years.

"*The latest spending plans* are lower than at any time over the past three decades," the IFS said.

"None of the major parties seems to have a satisfactory response to the large gap between *spending plans* and public expectations."

Public spending is forecast to rise by an average of just 0.4 per cent over the next three years compared with an aver*age of 1.9 per cent since 1979*.

The IFS is particularly critical of the target set for health service *spending which is* forecast to rise by an average of 0.6 per cent a year over the next three years, compared with an average increase of 3.1 per cent since the Conservatives came to power. It also warned that that the government reserve is also predicted to fall leaving only limited flexibility within future *spending plans*.

# Carey wants schools to teach morals

By Ruth Gledhill

THE Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr George Carey, will emphasise today the importance of teaching moral values to children in school.

In an article in *The Times*, prior to an address to a conference at the Institute of Education at London University on values and the curricu*lum. Dr Carey says: "We want* people who leave school to be good citizens and good neighbours, *not* just *stuffed heads* and effective contributors to the economy."

Dr Carey, referring to debate over marriage in the School Curriculum and Assessment Authority report, says that he would want to add stronger points about marriage and family life.

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# Catholic escapes death as gun jams

By Nicholas Watt, chief Ireland correspondent

A ROMAN Catholic man escaped being shot dead yesterday when a gun jammed as a suspected loyalist terrorist attempted to shoot him a second time.

Kieran Delaney, 23, was ambushed at 7.30am in the Newtownabbey area of north Belfast as he waited for a lift to work. *The gunman, disguised* as a postman, pulled a gun from his post bag and shot Mr Delaney in the neck. As he tried to fire again, his pistol jammed. He was then picked up by a car which was later found burnt out on the Rathcoole estate in the north of the city.

John Delaney said that his son had no political connections. "He did get a threatening letter about a year ago which said we are watching you. I don't know why they picked Kieran out because he is not involved in anything. All he does is go to his work."

Mark Langhammer, an independent Labour councillor in Newtownabbey, said that the shooting bore the hallmarks of a loyalist attack. He said: "The route appeared to be *planned*, the getaway route was planned, the clothing disguise in place, and the lad had been targeted some time before. It seems to be a planned loyalist attack."

Mr Langhammer said that the shooting would raise questions about the loyalist ceasefire. "It does appear that that ceasefire is in something of a mess. My sources of information tell me that this man was wholly unconnected with any political party."

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# Absent fathers too busy to notice children growing up without them

By Lin Jenkins

**A fifth of children cannot recall doing anything with their father last week, says a MORI survey which contradicts the popular image of "new man"**

MODERN fathers are neglecting their children by failing to share even the simplest domestic chores or help with homework.

A report published today says that a fifth of children questioned could not recall sharing an activity with their fathers during the previous week. Yet four fifths wanted to spend more time with them, compared with only 2 per cent who wanted more time with their mothers.

The MORI survey of 1,000 children aged 8 to 15 contradicts the stereotype of "new man" taking an equal role in bringing up children. However, most children still lived in a traditional family with two parents and retained strong links with their extended family.

Children wanted parents to exercise authority, give moral leadership and set boundaries on behaviour, such as imposing a time to come home, insisting homework schedules were met and setting rules on smoking and drinking. Jim Harking, director and chief executive of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Childen, said most children enjoyed close and loving relationships with both parents.

"But, even in the 1990s, some fathers appear to be remote figures. We cannot say whether this is a result of heavy workloads or other factors. But what is clear from the survey is that most of the children did want their dads to spend time with them."

Four out of ten children reported some form of social outing outside the home with fathers at least once a week, but all said they spent less time doing things with their fathers than with their mothers.

They were also less inclined to turn to their fathers with problems. Of those under 11, almost all would discuss personal matters with their mothers while just over half felt able to approach their fathers. Of those aged 11 to 15, only a third would discuss a particular problem with their father while four out of five said they would consult their mothers.

Most thought good fathers should make them laugh, make and mend things around the house and not necessarily undertake the shopping and cooking. Good mothers, on the other hand, were required to be able to cook.

Many famous fathers were away from home yesterday — but mainly because they were spending the last remaining days of the school holidays with their children. Desmond Wilcox, the television producer and reporter whose career has taken him away from his three children for long stretches of time, had just spent ten days with Emily, 19, Rebecca, 17, and Joshua, 15. He said the trick was to juggle work and family life: "I get such pleasure from them that I make them a priority, equal to and beyond work. When you are pressured, in whatever career field, you will wind up with a rather sterile sense of victory if you have lost touch with your children."

Gary Lineker, the footballer turned television pundit, whose son George, 5, is recovering from leukaemia, was unavailable yesterday as he was taking him and his brothers Harry, 3, and Tobias, 1, to the cinema. His wife is expecting their fourth child in August. "He is very committed to his family and makes time for them," said his agent Jon Holmes.

Michael Parkinson, the broadcaster and journalist, who has three sons, said: "I think the fact that my wife and I have stayed together is the single most important factor in our children's happiness, more than anything else. I never thought about spending time with my sons.

"If you stop to think about it, it becomes a task and parenting is not a task, it's a joy."

# Teenagers raped tourist and threw her into canal

By Richard Ford

AN AUSTRIAN tourist on holiday in London was raped violently and repeatedly by eight teenage boys and then thrown naked into a canal, an Old Bailey jury was told yesterday.

The 32-year-old woman, a mother of two, swam for her life after the racially motivated attack only hours after she arrived in London last September. She survived only because "she separated her mind from her body as much as she could", the court heard.

The woman, from Vienna, went for a midnight walk near her hotel in King's Cross, but got lost. She met the eight youths, aged 14 to 17, who invited her to a party. She told them in halting English that it was not a good idea but walked with them towards the canal. She was unconcerned, because they were so young.

John Bevan, for the prosecution, said that when she reached Regent's Canal off York Way she was dragged 200 yards along the towpath and raped for 45 minutes. He said the attack had almost all the "worst features of multiple rape by multiple rapists". She was kicked, punched and subjected to a series of sexual indignities.

Seven of the teenagers admitted the rape but another, now aged 15, denies three charges of rape, indecent assault and robbing the woman of a jacket and a belt. The youth cannot be named for legal reasons. At the time of the attack the oldest was 17, four were 16 and the others 14.

Mr Bevan said: "It may be she was naive, maybe she simply thought London was a safe place for a woman abroad at night. She was sadly mistaken."

He added: "She was approached and, as she thought, idly chatted to by a group of eight people she regarded as children." He told the court that during the attack she repeatedly heard the words "white bitch". The 14-year-old ringleader, who yesterday admitted rape, said to her: "Now, the party's going to begin."

Many, if not all, of the gang raped her more than once and the attack continued after she was held against a wall near the canal. Mr Bevan said the ordeal ended when she was asked whether she wanted to go for a swim. She said no.

"She was thrown into the canal. She survived. Perhaps it is a tribute to her toughness and good sense that she did, once she realised that resistance was hopeless and indeed dangerous."

She swam to safety on the other side of the canal and was able to attract the attention of a security guard, who telephoned the police. Speaking through an interpreter, the woman told the court that after a day of shopping, sightseeing and having dinner with friends she decided to go for a walk at about midnight to stretch her legs.

She had not been frightened when first approached by the youths becuase they were "friendly and nice" towards her. She said that as they dragged her along the canal bank she thought they were going to rob her. "Then they picked me up off the ground. Two picked me up by the arms and two by the legs. Four were holding me up and another group were tearing my clothes off me."

She said she was very frightened and realised what was going to happen. "I kept trying to think if there was any way I could get away, but there was no hope."

The woman told the jury that she was raped by each boy "several times", one after the other, and forced into other sexual acts while the others held her down.

She said she was asked if she could swim and said she could not, in the hope that they would throw her in the water. "They raped me a little more and they were pushing me towards the water at this point. They pushed me in."

The case continues.

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A woven cap and multi-coloured sweater epitomised the Todd Oldham collection

A Lauren evening gown

# Oldham livens up New York

From Heath Brown
in New York

NEW YORK fashion week is renowned for practical, pared-down clothes. So it was a relief to come across a catwalk collection that crossed all the boundaries of good taste.

Todd Oldham banished grey and black in favour of colour that hit between the eyes. Leopard print clashed with Indian motifs; fake fur mixed with indigo denim and swirling sequins.

What a contrast with Ralph Lauren, whose smooth, sharp ready-to-wear collection at his Madison Avenue headquarters was inspired by New York's Art Deco architecture.

# Man jailed for hammer attack on family

By A Staff Reporter

A MAN was jailed for life yesterday for a hammer attack in which a woman died and three children were seriously injured.

Dale Mandley, 33, killed Phyllis Minney before setting on her daughter, Phyllis, 13, son Paul, 12, and their friend, Victoria Hatfield, 13, who was staying the night. She will never fully recover, Reading Crown Court was told.

The court was told that Mandley had driven to Wokingham, Berkshire, last July after his girlfriend Michelle, Mrs Minney's daughter, ended their relationship. After cutting the telephone wires to the house, Mandley went inside and chatted to Mrs Minney.

The children were reassured by their mother that Mandley had arrived at the house for a chat. Mrs Minney, 48, then went downstairs and was struck at least 17 times with the hammer.

Susan Reed, for the prosecution, said Mandley then turned his attention to the children. Victoria was struck repeatedly about the head. Miss Reed said: "Phyllis [junior] ran to the bathroom and then her brother Paul came into the room. Mandley hit Paul on the head with the hammer."

Mandley admitted murdering Mrs Minney and three counts of grievous bodily harm with intent on the three children. Mr Justice Alliott told him it was unlikely that he would ever be released.

# Net saves disabled Scrabble player

By Tim Jones

A DISABLED man triggered an international rescue yesterday after collapsing while playing Scrabble on the Internet. As he lay on the floor of his home in Didcot, Oxfordshire, John Elliott, 24, managed to tap out a message: "I have fallen and can't move. Please get help for me."

Before he was found five hours later, the hunt had involved Interpol and several police forces. But it was a freelance journalist, John Hawkins, who found Mr Elliott after getting his number from directory inquiries.

Mr Elliott, who has cerebral palsy, thought that he had been playing Scrabble with a woman in Canada when he collapsed, but it had been with a woman in Chicago. She read his message and sent out a group call to other Internet users, asking if they knew his name and address.

While police in America and Canada faxed Interpol, the woman called Gloucestershire police. They contacted Mr Elliott's Internet provider in the Isle of Man who gave them the addresses of John Elliotts in the area. As officers visited them, Mr Hawkins, with one call, found his man.

# Dutch halt £100m drugs-ring trial of millionaire Briton

From Mark Fuller in The Hague

THE trial of a 33-year-old Briton, alleged to have masterminded one of Europe's biggest drugs rings, was adjourned by a Dutch court yesterday after it was claimed that evidence had been obtained illegally.

A court in The Hague referred the case against the Liverpool millionaire businessman Curtis Warren back to the examining magistrate to clarify defence counsel claims that evidence had been collected and processed illegally in a joint operation by British and Dutch customs and police.

The six-month operation, codenamed Crayfish, resulted in the arrest in The Netherlands last October of Mr Warren, six other Britons and one Columbian, and the seizure of huge quantities of cocaine, heroin, ecstasy and hashish with a street value of about £100 million.

In a bizarre exposure of the lack of integrated European legislation on criminal intelligence activities, the defence claimed that raids carried out in The Netherlands were based on information gathered in Britain through illegal telephone-tapping. The court was told that British customs and police officers had denied that the information came from an informant, electronic bugging or from a telephone company. But they have refused to identify the source, claiming public immunity. Dutch law, however, requires that the source of the information used in evidence be disclosed.

Irene de Vries, the presiding judge, said it was vital that the examining magistrate interview senior Dutch and British customs officials, otherwise the defence case would be seriously damaged. The cases against one other Briton, John Farrell, 34, from Manchester, and a Columbian were also adjourned. In a fourth case heard yesterday, the prosecution demanded a five-year prison sentence for William Fitzgerald, 55, from Liverpool. Mr Fitzgerald allegedly acted as the gang's security guard and was arrested in possession of weapons and drugs.

The eight defendants, four of whose cases will be heard today, have all been charged with being members of a criminal organisation involved in drug trafficking. Mr Warren has also been charged with leading a criminal organisation that imported 317 kg of cocaine from Venezuela.

# Wife 'took poisoned tea to help research'

By Dareh Gregorian

A MAN accused of trying to poison his wife with rat-killer was actually carrying out experiments on preventing strokes and acting with her consent, a court was told yesterday.

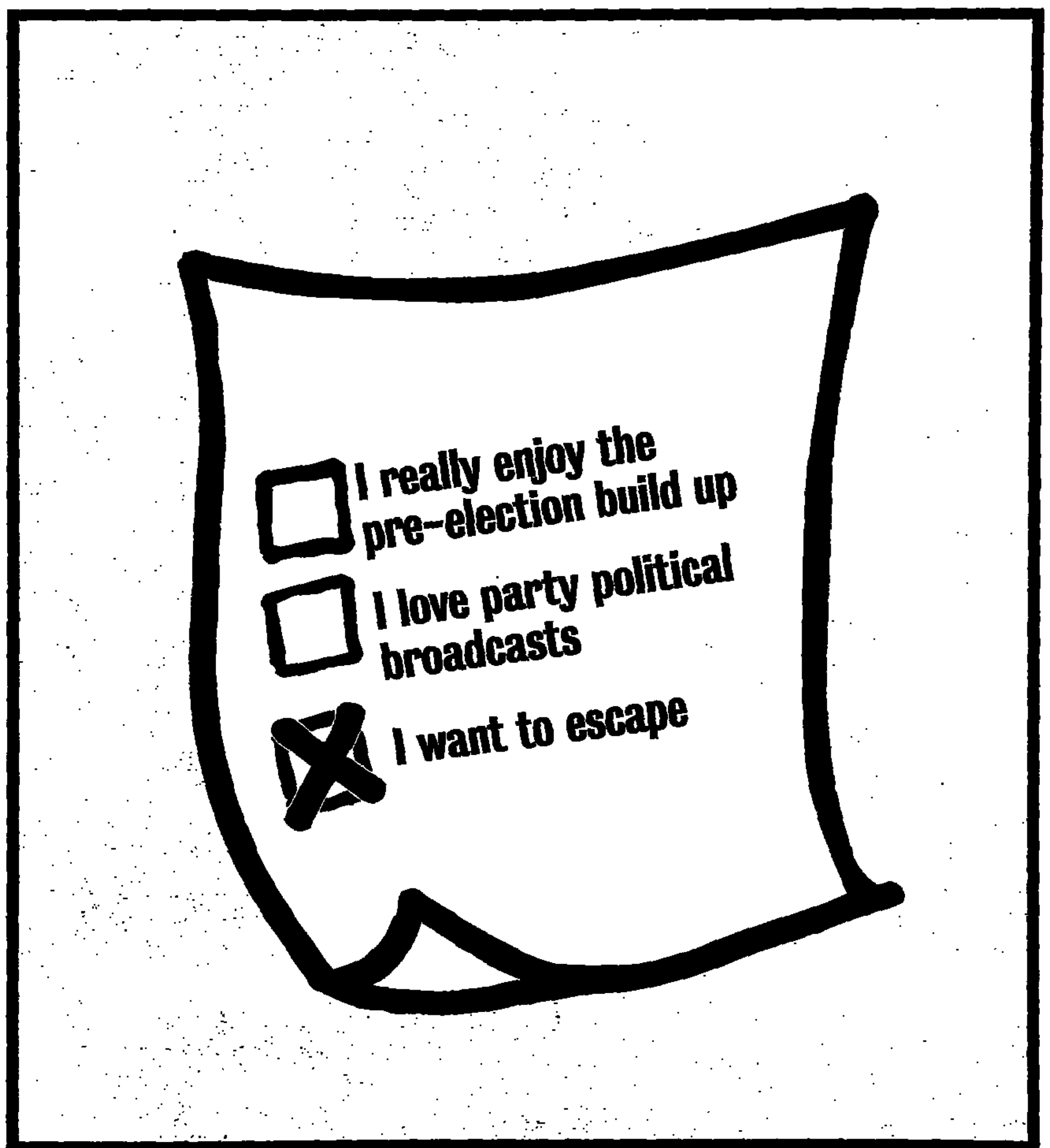
William Down was said to have become obsessed about his health and to have embarked on amateur research into the anticoagulant drug warfarin, found in rat poison.

His wife Linda, 50, has told Northampton Crown Court that she became suspicious after finding "green bits" in her early morning tea, which tasted odd.

Stephen Crouch, for the defence, said Mrs Down had been given a safe dose of the poison with her knowledge. The drug turned the tea blue-green, Mr Crouch said, and "it is impossible to think anybody would be fooled. Tea is not by its nature blue."

He suggested that Mrs Down may have accused her husband of trying to poison her to force him into a better divorce settlement.

Mr Down, of Burton Latimer, Northamptonshire, denies attempting unlawfully to administer a poison. The case continues.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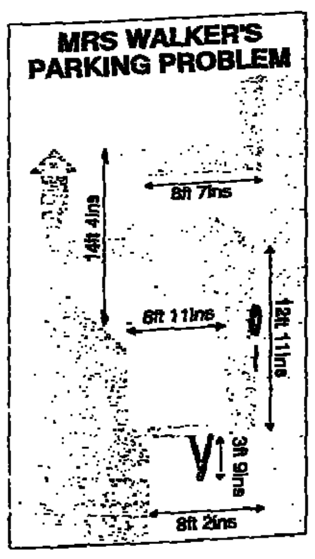
# Maths solves great caravan riddle

By Nigel Hawkes, Science Editor



MATHEMATICS has come to the aid of a woman stumped by a perennial problem for caravan-owners: how big a caravan can I fit in my parking space?

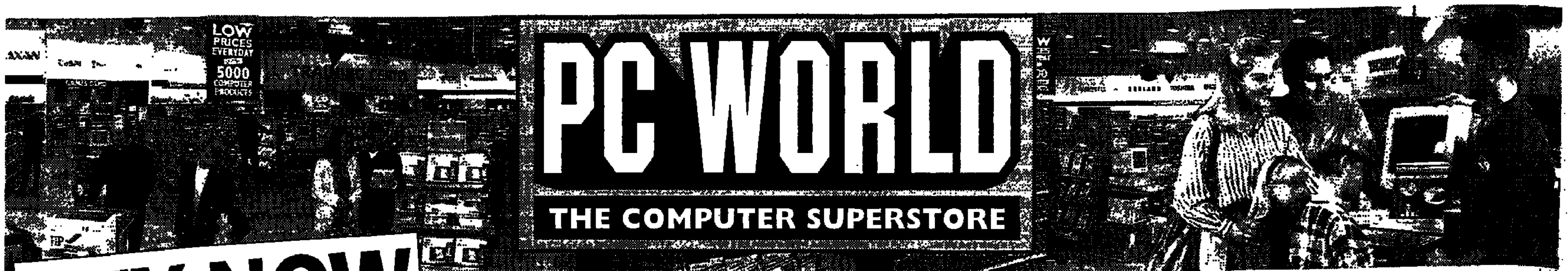
The worried owner, a Mrs K. Walker, already had a caravan 16ft 8in long, but fancied a bigger one. To reach the parking space behind her home the caravan had to be pushed up a drive by hand, around a corner past her house and around a second corner past the garage. How large could her new mobile home be, she asked Practical Caravan.

The magazine approached Mensa without success, then turned to Napier University in Edinburgh. The letter landed on the desk of Judy Goldfinch, senior lecturer in mathematics. "It was a challenge" she said. "I know nothing about caravans, but I had to give it a try."

In Mathematics Today she produces her solution, and urges other mathematicians to tackle the problem. Treating the caravan as a rectangular box with two wheels and an A-frame at the front bearing a third small wheel, Dr Goldfinch worked out the equations governing the movement of the caravan when it was given a small push at a given angle on the end of the A-frame.

She then used a spreadsheet on her computer, showing the positions of points around the perimeter of the caravan, to calculate the position after each push of one inch.

Dr Goldfinch proved what Mrs Walker already knew: that a 16ft 8in caravan could be manoeuvred into the space. But would a bigger one fit? The computer suggested that 18ft was the longest that could be parked there, assuming that it could be pushed accurately.



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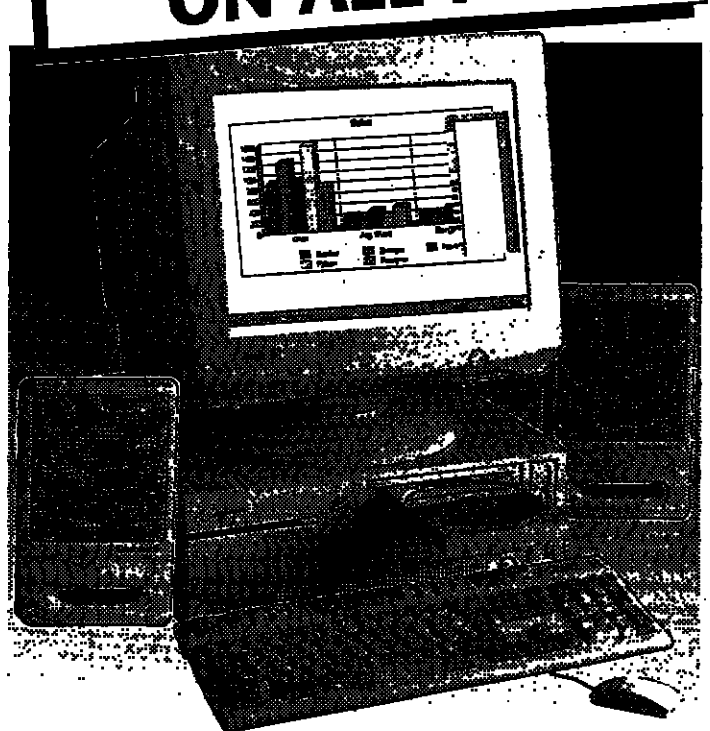

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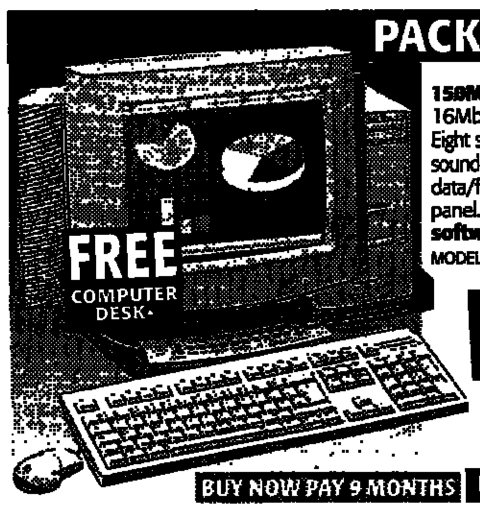

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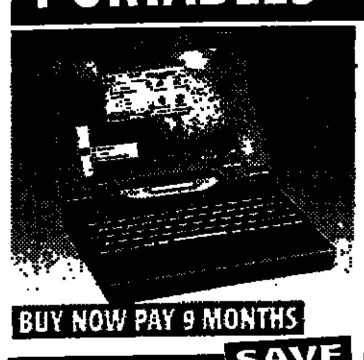

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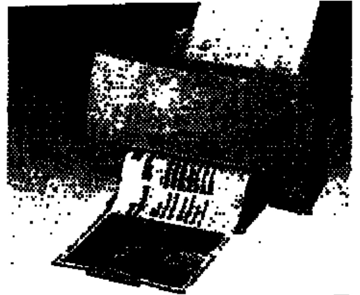

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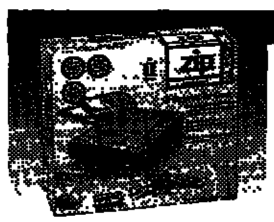

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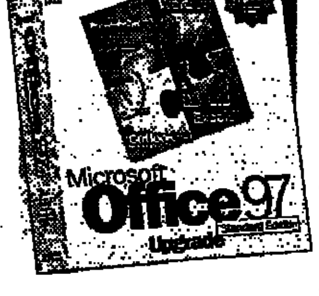

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## Sculptor arrested after visitor to exhibition recognised relative's remains as part of a sculpture

# Doctors fear that 'body art' case will deter donors

By Stephen Farrell and Audrey Magee

DOCTORS voiced fears last night that the arrest of a sculptor suspected of stealing human remains would deter patients from donating their bodies for medical research.

Anthony-Noel Kelly, 41, of Clapham, southwest London, a nephew of the Duke of Norfolk and part-time tutor at the Prince of Wales's Institute of Architecture, was questioned by detectives from the Organised Crime Group. They had been alerted by Dr Laurence Martin, Her Majesty's Inspector of Anatomy.

Scotland Yard confirmed yesterday: "The investigation is into allegations of theft and the burying of bodies without consent. A search was carried out at an address in southwest London and at a venue in Kent where a number of body parts were found."

Paul O'Higgins, of the Department of Anatomy and Developmental Biology at University College London Medical School, said the profession was shocked at the prospect of bodies being used for purposes other than intended. "There has to be concern that people will be less likely to donate bodies for medical research. The future of healthcare in this country is in some degree dependent on the adequate provision of these parts. We are concerned to reassure the public how carefully we monitor things."

Controversy surrounding Mr Kelly, a former butcher and abattoir worker, began in January with his exhibit at the Contemporary Art Fair in Islington, north London: a silver-coated head and shoulders of an old man with part of the brain cut away, and a gold triptych of three sections of another elderly person. A relative is said to have recognised remains used in a sculpture.

Detectives searched Mr Kelly's home on April 2. The artist, who has not been charged, was released on bail until April 17. Yesterday he said: "At the moment I am just helping police with their inquiries, that is all I can say. I am not saying anything until I feel it is the right time to give my version."

Under the Anatomy Act 1984 it is a criminal offence to use body parts for any purpose other than medical research. Sentencing is at judges' discretion. Remains can be kept for up to three years, after which they must be given a proper burial or cremation.

Bodies can be left to art: the Department of Health said bodies may be bequeathed for artistic and other non-medical purposes, but they had to be registered under the Anatomy Act at a medical school, as with other cadavers. Experts said they had never encountered such a donation.

The 1984 Act tightened up procedures under the 1832 Anatomy Act, which was passed three years after Burke and Hare murdered at least 15 people in Edinburgh and sold the bodies for dissection.

In January, in an interview with the *Independent on Sunday*, Mr Kelly admitted using human body parts acquired from medical schools and casting them in rubber and glass fibre to create the plaster heads. "To get them was a sweat, under cover of darkness. I had the police on me once because someone had tipped them off. I still had some body pieces I hadn't yet used and I had to destroy them," he said.

He also claimed to be respectful of his subject matter. "I am in awe of life and death. I have a tremendous respect for the human body." His studio, kept at low temperatures, is adorned with plaster "torsos" of elderly people hanging alongside gilded human "hams".

Anatomists last night said they were mystified as to how anyone could obtain remains under the strict procedures that are observed. Michael Hobbs, secretary of the London Anatomy Trust, said all donated bodies were allocated identification numbers. More than 250 are donated to London hospitals each year. They are released only to Home Office-licensed teachers of anatomy at licensed dissecting rooms and are kept in permanently manned premises with 24-hour closed circuit cameras, double-locked doors with electronic card entry to which only permitted staff and students carrying proof of identity are admitted. Medical artists studying human anatomy are granted access in some conditions.

**Burke, left, and Hare: legislation was tightened in the wake of their body-snatching in Edinburgh**

CHARLES OMMANNEY

**Anthony-Noel Kelly has previously admitted using human body parts in his work: "To get them was a sweat, under cover of darkness"**

# Fatal attraction of artists through the ages

By Alan Hamilton

ARTISTS through the ages have gone to the cadaver for inspiration and instruction. Still death rather than still life, drawn from the dissecting table rather than the dining table, has characterised the work of great painters since the days of the Renaissance.

Leonardo da Vinci studied the remains of paupers for his anatomical drawings, stunning in their graphic accuracy. Caravaggio, one of the early realists in the first years of the 17th century, was accused by his rivals, and by the church authorities, of using the body of a dead prostitute as a model for his *Death Of The Virgin*. That he might have used the corpse of a common whore to study the precise shade of deathly pallor required for his painting of the mother of Christ was not the most appealing of concepts at the time.

But even before him, artists were studying the dead in the interests of accuracy. In the 16th century, both Holbein and Mantegna tackled the subject of the death of Christ, laid out as a corpse after being taken down from the cross, by referring to real cadavers.

*The Anatomy Lesson*, a Rembrandt masterpiece

The tradition is, in fact, far older. The British Museum is currently exhibiting mummy paintings from the Roman occupation of Egypt around the first century AD, in which representations of the deceased, as though still living, decorate the coffin. There is some academic dispute as to whether the paintings were commissioned while their subjects were still alive, or whether an artist was hastily summoned to paint the newly departed before the embalmers got to work.

Rembrandt's masterpiece *The Anatomy Lesson* is really a group portrait of a famous physician of the day and his pupils, but there is a body on the table in front of them. The Dutchman would undoubtedly have studied the dead to get the detail right; anatomical study, usually of paupers or convicted criminals, was standard art training for centuries.

One of the outstanding pictures of death is Géricault's *The Raft Of The Medusa*, hanging in the Louvre and so fragile that it cannot be moved. The portrayal of survivors of the wreck of a French frigate clinging to a raft, some already dead and others dying, is one of the most powerful images of early 19th-century European art, especially in the huge, grotesque hands.

Géricault made many visits to French hospitals to study lifeless limbs, and was so taken with their shapes that he executed a whole series of drawings of dead hands and feet.

Nigel Llewellyn, senior lecturer in art history at the University of Sussex, who masterminded the exhibition *The Art of Death* at the Victoria and Albert Museum three years ago, said yesterday: "Anthony-Noel Kelly is following in a long tradition of artists who have had to find their anatomical models by skullduggery and the back door.

"The Renaissance artists got away with it as long as they stuck to paupers and prostitutes. Some, such as Leonardo, were interested in what went on under the skin. Others, such as Mantegna, wanted to know what dead skin itself looked like."

Dr Llewellyn said that it had been a long time since art students had to study rotting corpses. There had been a long tradition of art academies using an écorché, a plaster cast of a cadaver, to teach anatomy.

But the tradition of reality lives on among war artists, who are still confronted with the gruesome reality in the field. They are not, however, in the habit of taking bits home.

# Rail staff urged to tackle suicides

RAIL workers are being taught how to spot potential suicides in an attempt to reduce the number of people who take their own lives on the railway (Kathryn Knight writes).

Leaflets helping to identify those at risk and giving ways of helping them are being distributed to all Great North Eastern Railway staff on the East Coast main line as part of a pilot scheme run by Railtrack and the Samaritans, which it is hoped will be extended nationally. About 170 people a year commit suicide on the railway. Staff will also be given a free chargecard to give to distressed people to telephone the Samaritans.

Yesterday the actor Michael Angelis helped to launch an awareness campaign by naming a GNER train *The Samaritans* at King's Cross in London. Posters showing a telephone and the words: "There is a Samaritan at this station 24 hours a day" are being displayed at stations on the GNER route.

Simon Armson, chief executive of the Samaritans, said the scheme may be extended to the London Underground if successful. "It's important to reach out to people rather than to wait for the telephone to ring."

# Children at risk from poor car safety

By Jeremy Laurance

BADLY designed child car seats, and belts which are wrongly used, are putting children's lives at risk, according to a study. A survey of 180 cars found that in more than half at least one passenger was restrained by an ill-fitting or poorly secured device.

Of the 600 passengers in the survey, including 269 children, 80 per cent were using a belt or restraint of some kind. More than 40 per cent of rear-facing, and 60 per cent of two-way, child seats were being incorrectly used.

Dr Harry Campbell and colleagues of the department of public health sciences at the University of Edinburgh, who published the findings in *Injury Prevention*, say that only one of the 59 drivers asked had been shown how to fit and use a child safety seat. Three quarters of parents who had bought child restraints from supermarkets had not been told how to fit them.

Dr Mike Hayes, of the Child Accident Prevention Trust, said: "No one should buy a child restraint without taking their car to the shop. You cannot take a box home from the supermarket and see whether it fits."

☐ Drivers are receiving poor service from franchised dealers, and are more satisfied with Japanese than European cars, a survey disclosed yesterday. Subaru topped the poll carried out for the BBC2 motoring programme *Top Gear*, but Coventry-based Jaguar did make the top ten. The top-scoring Continental model was the Skoda Felicia.

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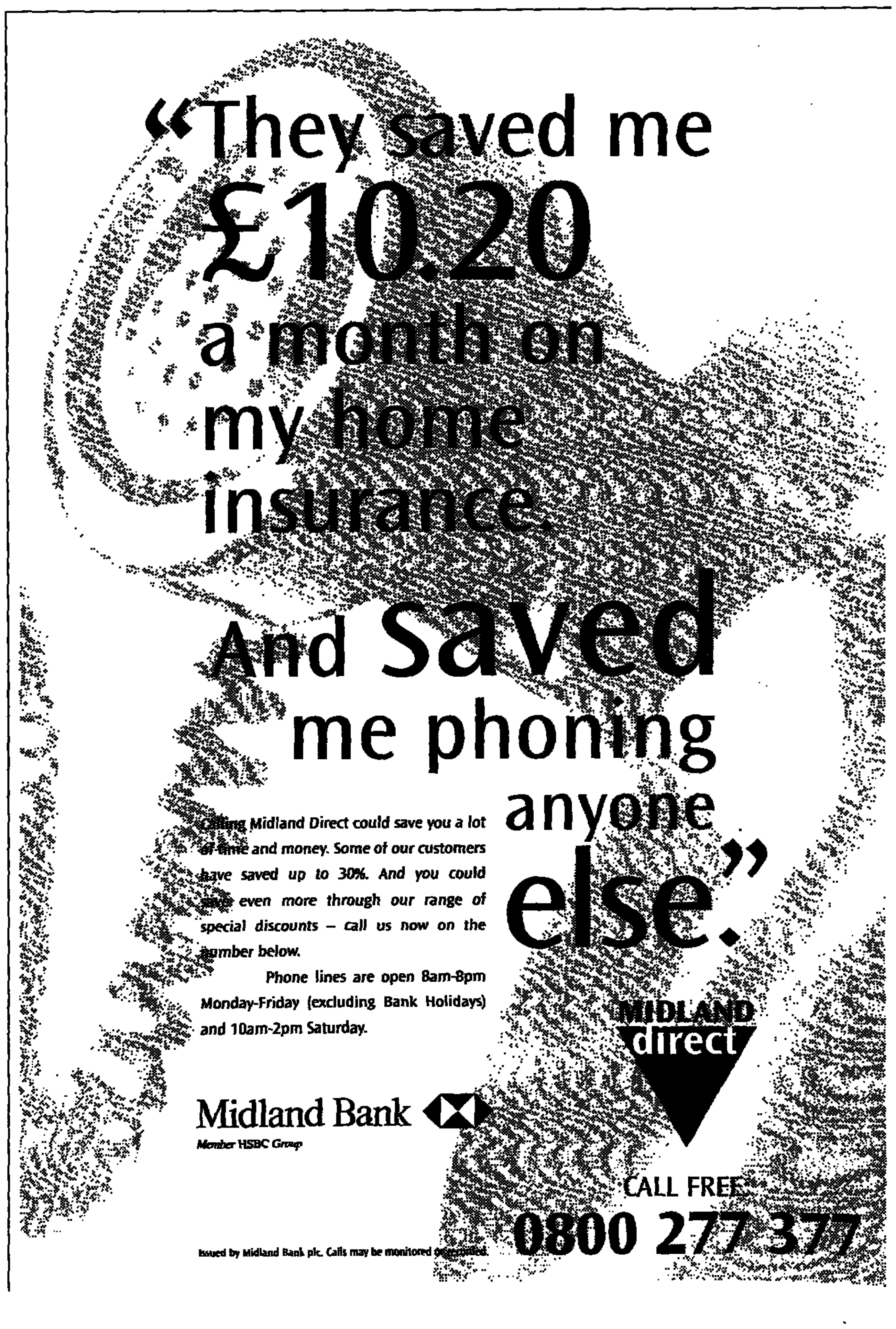

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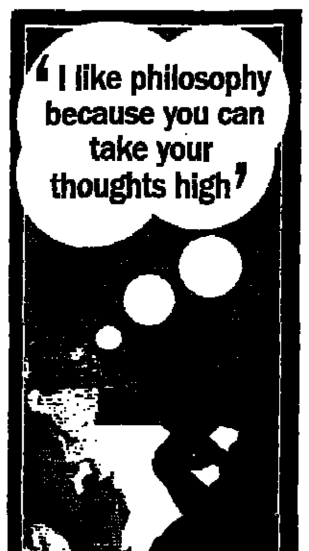
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# National Trust may ban stag hunts after report on cruelty

By Michael Hornsby
Countryside Correspondent

THE National Trust is poised to ban deer-hunting with hounds on its land after a two-year scientific study released yesterday showed that the sport causes the animals unacceptable suffering.

Hunted deer suffered the same levels of stress as deer that had been severely injured in accidents, according to the report by Patrick Bateson, Professor of Ethology [animal behaviour] at Cambridge University.

Charles Nunneley, chairman of the trust, which commissioned the report, said that the ban would be recommended to the charity's 52-member ruling council at a meeting in London today. The recommendation is that licences permitting hunting on trust land should not be renewed when they expire at the end of April. The council is expected to endorse the action.

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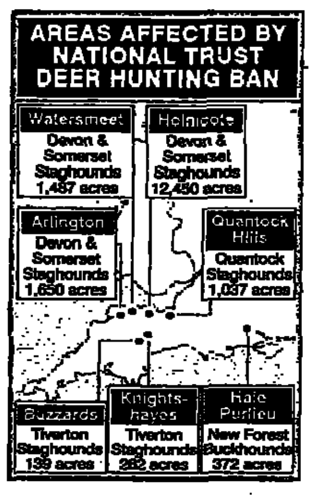
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Mr Nunneley said: "We believe that the Government should now set up an expert group to investigate whether there are similar stresses to other animals."

The Masters of Deer Hounds Association, representing the four deer hunts in England, was meeting last night in emergency session to decide how to respond to the threat to their sport. None of the hunts uses trust land exclusively and, with the possible exception of the Quantock Staghounds, all would be able to continue hunting.

The League Against Cruel Sports said it was "overjoyed" at the conclusions of the report. Graham Sirl, its chief representative in the West Country, said: "There is no justification on any grounds whatsoever for the tremendous suffering caused to hunted deer. We call on the Government to abolish deer hunting at the earliest opportunity."

Janet George, of the British Field Sports Society, said: "We are surprised and shocked by the findings of the report. Obviously the stag hunts will have to consider their future. We do not see any immediate application of these findings to fox-hunting."

Professor Bateson said it should not be assumed that other hunted animals, such as foxes, would necessarily show the same level of stress as deer because of their different behaviour and ecology. But anyone who took part in deer-hunting from now on would "be doing something that was knowingly cruel". The professor said he had approached the study with an open mind but had been astonished by the results and had come to the inescapable conclusion that hunting deer with hounds should end. "Hunting deer can longer be justified on welfare grounds, given the standards applied in other fields such as transport and slaughter of farm animals, the use of animals in research, racing events and so on," he said. "The levels of stress were far above what would be seen in these areas."

RICHARD AUSTIN

The Devon and Somerset Staghounds. It would be able to continue hunting, despite a National Trust ban

Deer-hunting in England involves chasing the animals with hounds and horse-mounted huntsmen until the animals become tired and are brought to bay, when they are shot by marksmen. The season runs from August until the end of April. In Scotland deer are pursued on foot by stalkers and shot.

In 1990 trust members voted narrowly to ban deer-hunting, but the the ruling council decided not to implement the ban because only about 135,000 of the two million trust members eligible to vote took part. The council also said then it could not act because of lack of clear scientific evidence that deer-hunting was cruel.

The ban, if it goes ahead, would cover about 17,000 acres of trust land. About 10,000 acres of this was donated to the trust by the late Sir Richard Acland in 1944 with a "memorandum of wishes" that hunting should continue.

Mr Nunneley said yesterday, however, that Sir Richard's son, Sir John Acland, had informed them that his father would not have wished to maintain that stipulation in the light of the latest scientific evidence.

About 1,800 acres on Exmoor, given by another donor in the 1930s, was covered by a "positive covenant" in favour of hunting, Mr Nunneley said, and this meant the trust had no legal power to stop hunting there.

A stag being hunted on trust land in Somerset

# The findings that surprised authors of animal study

By Our Countryside Correspondent

RED deer hunted with hounds are driven to "pathological extremity", suffering levels of stress far in excess of the normal limits for their species. This is the main conclusion of the report by Professor Bateson, who said that he was surprised the findings were so clear-cut.

According to the report, the data showed that "the hunted animals are extremely frightened, pushing themselves as much as they are able and risking a great deal to save their lives". Professor Bateson and Elizabeth Bradshaw, a research associate, measured increases in stress-related hormones and other changes in the blood and muscles of deer. Dr Bradshaw spent 15 months on Exmoor following the hunt and taking blood samples from shot animals.

The main findings are:

☐ Levels of stress hormones were as high in hunted deer as in deer which had been severely injured by shooting or in car accidents and up to 15 times higher than in non-hunted animals.

☐ Carbohydrate resources for the muscles were totally depleted in deer hunted for long periods.

☐ Acid levels in the blood, the product of extreme exertion, rose dramatically and red blood cells started to break up soon after a hunt started.

☐ In longer hunts there was leakage of enzymes from muscles, causing muscle damage.

☐ Horses that completed the Grand National were in far better shape than deer that had been hunted for no more than three miles.

☐ All hunted deer suffered an unacceptable level of suffering, including those which escaped. Up to 12 per cent of escapers were likely to die later because of the stress of the hunt.

☐ Shooting was a much more humane way of culling deer. On average, 5 per cent of deer were wounded rather than killed outright by stalkers.

☐ The average chase covered 12 miles and lasted three hours, but 30-mile hunts were not unknown.

The report says deer are by nature sedentary, with a muscle structure ill-adapted to running long distances. Hunting imposes far greater stress than predation in the wild by wolves, which kill in short chases or ambushes, or in fighting between stags.

"Therefore, we believe that red deer are unlikely to be well adapted, either by their evolutionary history or by their own individual experience, to cope with prolonged chases. The long hunts with hounds should not be regarded as natural."

The scientists say it cannot be assumed that the same pattern of stress would necessarily be observed in other hunted species, which exhibited different behaviour and physiology.

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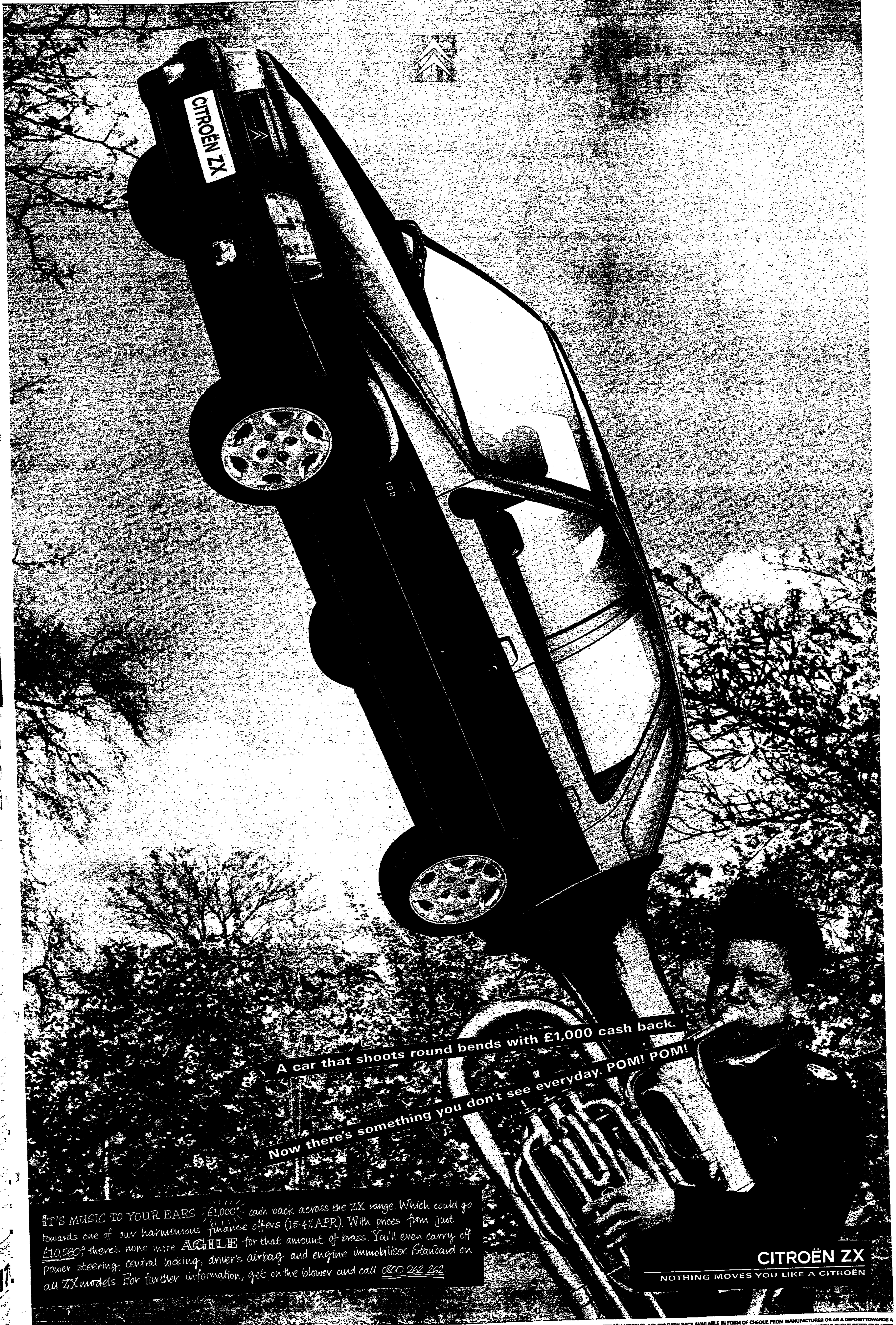
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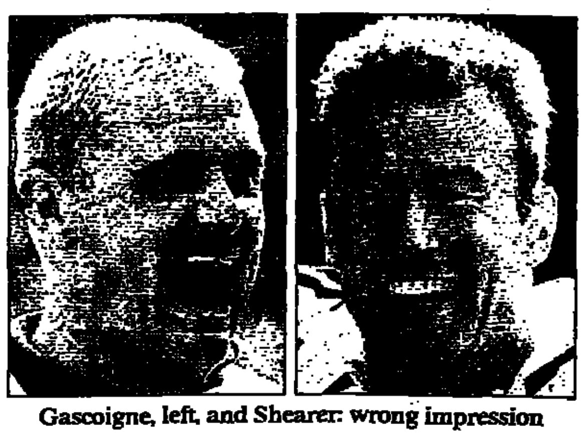
## Sociologists run their measuring tapes over female fashion and lower-division soccer



Gascoigne, left, and Shearer: wrong impression

# Not all footballers are having a ball

FOOTBALLERS stuck in the gloom of Divison Three and the lesser leagues are suffering from "Shearer-isation" and "Gascoigne-isation", according to a sociologist (Paul Wilkinson writes).

Craig Gurney believes that the first means that they get no public sympathy because everyone thinks they earn vast amounts of money, while the other reflects the public perception that players are always involved in scandal.

Mr Gurney, who lectures on housing at the University of Wales, Cardiff, told the meeting: "Because of this, empathy for professional footballers seems limited and explains more than anything else why they remain outside the sociological imagination."

Discussing the effects of transfers, he said nothing was known about the problems footballers faced in moving homes. In his interviews with players from less fashionable sides, he noted a common complaint that "for every Shearer, there are many more people like me".

He said that the public perception of footballers as an undeserving, super-rich group was wrong. "Male professional footballers are mundanely like workers in other occupations." Mr Gurney is working on a book about players' wives entitled *We're Not All Page 3 Girls.*

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# Get a haircut to get ahead at work, say women high-flyers

By Paul Wilkinson

WOMEN were told yesterday that if they wanted to get ahead in their careers they should get a haircut. And definitely not wear a cardigan.

A study of power-dressing among female high-achievers found that what they most feared was looking like a secretary; they might find themselves asked to make the coffee.

In a paper delivered to the British Sociological Association yesterday, Joanne Entwistle set out the sartorial rules for professional women, based on her questioning of women working in the law, business and media.

Miss Entwistle, 29, told the conference at York University that big shoulder pads, short skirts and high heels had become a 1980s cliché. Today, tailored jackets with skirt or trousers, sensible shoes and subtle make-up are *de rigueur*. Hair should not be more than shoulder length because that would be too sexy.

Dressed in a smart tailored navy blue trouser suit and pale blue blouse, with dark brown hair cut to touch her shoulders, Miss Entwistle, a lecturer at the University of North London, said: "Long hair is too feminine or 'girly'. The women I spoke to thought looking sexy was a bad thing, though looking attractive is fine. Women in a position of power in the boardroom, the law and politics do not want to look too sexy.

"The other fear is looking like a secretary. They felt cardigan and jumpers would mean them being mistaken for a lowly clerical worker and they could be asked to make the coffee in the boardroom.

"Successful women want status, and power-dressing is one way to get it. They wear clothes that say 'Take me seriously' and 'Respect me'. Men have always had a business outfit to identify themselves, and now it seems professional women have one too."

The typical outfit, particularly in the law and business, was quite conservative. "A tailored jacket with small shoulder pads, skirt or trousers, in navy or grey. Women in the media get away with bright colours — after all, nearly every woman on television wears them," Miss Entwistle said.

She added that power-dressing was a way for a woman to gain parity with men. More and more professional women were asking image consultants for tips on the right colours and the best make-up and hairstyle.

The 24 women Miss Entwistle spoke to agreed that they needed to "power-dress" to climb the professional ladder. "Some women who want to wear cardigans and jumpers at work have found they were told to dress smarter by their bosses," she said. "Power-dressing has helped women to move on and fashion themselves an image they never had before.

"Some women don't like it and feel it is imposed upon them, but they feel that to achieve, they have to dress this way. However, most say power-dressing gives them status, confidence and authority at work. My advice to any would-be career women going for an interview is: wear a jacket and make sure your make-up is not too garish."

JOHN COBB

Dressed for success: Joanne Entwistle yesterday

# Rapist is questioned on murder

A man serving life for rape was being questioned yesterday by police in Darlington, Co Durham, about the murder of Ann Heron, 44, near the town in August 1990. Philip Hann, 29, who was given a life sentence in 1994 for a rape in the area, was taken to Darlington from Wakefield prison.

Mrs Heron was murdered while sunbathing in her garden. Despite the biggest investigation ever undertaken by Durham police, no one has been charged with the murder.

## E-type death

A man who had saved up for years to buy an E-type Jaguar died in the passenger seat of an open-top model after a mechanic taking him on a test drive braked to avoid a bird and lost control at No Man's Heath, Chilcote, Leicestershire. Police have appealed for witnesses to the accident.

## Driver attacked

The driver of a classic car was beaten round the head with a metal tool in a "road rage" attack outside Eastbourne General Hospital, East Sussex. It is thought that his attacker was annoyed because he had not spotted the flip-out indicator arms on the 1954 Hillman Bullnose Minx.

## Soldier jailed

Private Simon Blake, 24, of The Prince of Wales Regiment, based at Canterbury, was jailed by Maidstone Crown Court for two years after brandishing an imitation handgun, while drunk, at two of his girlfriend's colleagues. He was upset at her recent treatment at work.

## Clifftop fall

A woman aged 57 fell 200ft to her death while walking with her husband on an unfenced clifftop. He raised the alarm at a house close to the scene, near Deal, Kent. Police said that there were no suspicious circumstances. An inquest will be held.

## Sailor honoured

The solo yachtsman Peter Goss, 35, received a Royal Ocean Racing Club trophy for his rescue of Raphael Dinelli in the Southern Ocean last December. He is also to receive the Legion d'honneur, France's highest bravery award.

## Pulling the rug

Police in Rainham, Kent, hired eight wigs for an identity parade so that a building society cashier could pick out a raider who had disguised himself with fake permed hair, sunglasses and a baseball cap. The accused was later jailed for 12 years.

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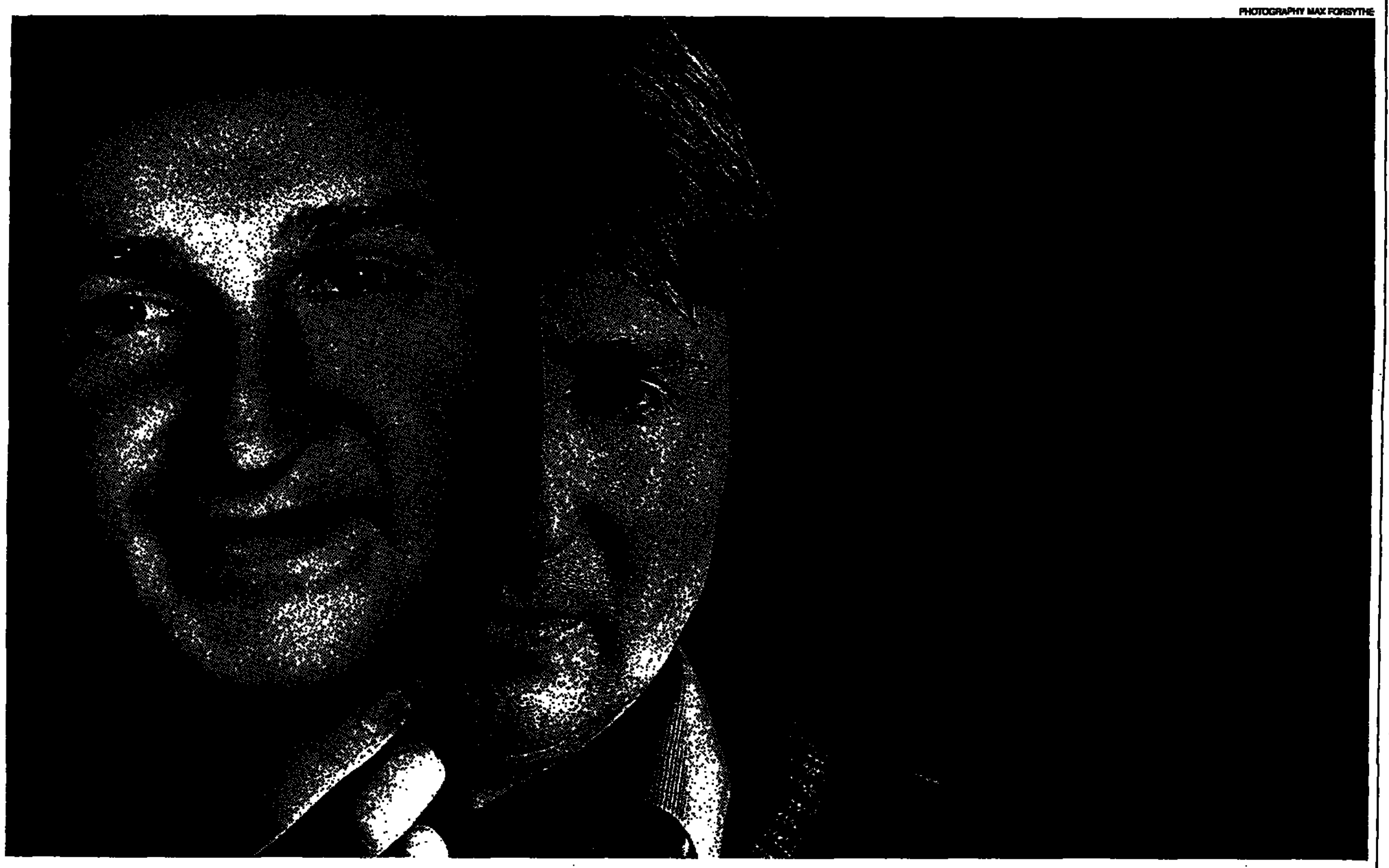

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# Navy man banned for hitting ref

A PETTY officer in the Royal Navy was banned yesterday from attending all football matches for 15 months and fined £2,750 after assaulting a Football League referee.

Darren Williams, 29, of Christchurch, Dorset, attacked Ian Cruickshanks during a match between Bury and Bournemouth in February, Bury Magistrates' Court was told. Mr Cruickshanks had a four-inch scratch to his neck and shoulder.

Philip Thompson, in mitigation, said that Williams went on to the pitch because he wanted to speak to the referee. He was stopped and led away by stewards. He knew he was wrong and apologised at once.

Williams, who is an amateur referee, has been banned from officiating for the Navy and in local games. He faces Navy discipline and will not be eligible for promotion for at least a further three years.

Williams, who pleaded guilty, was fined £2,000 for assault and £750 for invading the pitch, with £45 costs and £100 compensation.

# Scientists target inescapable bullet

By Nick Nuttall, Technology Correspondent

SMART bullets that will track the movement of targets as they try to escape are being developed by scientists. An innovative nose cone, capable of hundreds of movements a second, will enable snipers to pick off human targets several kilometres away, it is claimed.

The ammunition, guided by a laser-tracking system of the type used by the RAF in the Gulf War, is being developed for the US Air Force. The researchers initially concentrated on bullets up to 20 millimetres fired by aircraft, but they are already working on smaller versions.

The system is called barrel-launched adaptive munitions (Blam). Ron Barrett, an aerospace engineer at Auburn University in Alabama, who is testing prototypes, said: "The way pilots guarantee a hit is by filling the sky with lead. With Blam, pilots would need only one bullet to get a hit."

The direction of the bullet is controlled by the new nose cone, which contains tiny piezoelectric rods or tendons which can shorten or lengthen hundreds of times a second. "At supersonic speed, very small angles generate huge amounts of lift," Dr Barrett told *New Scientist*.

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# Tory horror show we’ve seen before

**Anatole Kaletsky** believes the Saatchi *brothers have scored a* succession of political own goals in the visionary style of their latest Tory broadcast

THE party election broadcast said: "Imagine if the polls *were right, imagine if they* won the election." And, for once, the polls were right: the opposition did win the election. There followed a catalogue of horrors.

"They put the tax up almost as soon as they got in," recalled an elderly man with bitterness in last night's broadcast. One year after the election a woman bewailed her lost job. A second complained that her son had been jobless for more than a year, *and had no hope of finding* one one because of the *minimum wage.*

Three years later, unemployment was still soaring, the cost of living had risen by £30 a week and mortgage rates had "gone through the roof". And to make matters worse, the new government had changed the voting system to *make it "much more difficult* to get them out again".

By the time the new party had been in power for ten years, everything had gone to the dogs. The country was again in the grip of strikes. Schools were closing up and down the country, mortgages were again "going through the roof" and unemployment was again "soaring".

A hideous prospect, yet absolutely credible. How do I know? Because all these disasters really did befall Britain after the voters took their *reckless plunge into the unknown.* To be precise, within *one, three and ten years of* May 3, 1979, when the people *elected a Tory Government led* by the untested Margaret Thatcher and put into parliament for the first time an obscure bank official named John Major.

Consider the evidence. The Tories certainly "put up the tax almost as soon as they got in". In his *mini-budget* less than two months after the *election, Sir Geoffrey Howe* stunned the nation by hoisting Value Added Tax from 8 to 15 per cent and, in direct contradiction to his party's election promises, lifting the overall tax burden by 1 per cent of Gross Domestic Product — equivalent to £7 billion in today's *money.*

By May, 1980, a year after *the election, unemployment* had risen from 1.2 million to 1.5 million and unprecedented numbers of school leavers were sharing the fate of the youngster in tonight's broad*cast who had been looking* unsuccessfully for a job for *more than a year.*

By 1982, three years after the *Tory victory, unemployment* had risen almost threefold, to the undreamt-of level of three million, mortgage rates were at 13.5 per cent (up from 11.75 per cent in 1979) and the retail prices index had risen by an average of 14 per cent a year (compared with 10 per cent in *the 12 months before the* election).

By 1989 *the direst predictions* made in the political broadcast had been fulfilled. Strikes were breaking out again after just three years of quiescence: the 4.1 million working days lost through strikes was the highest since the end of the miners' strike in 1984-85.

Mortgage rates had jumped *from 9.5 in 1988 to 13.5 per cent* in 1989 and were on their way to a record 15 per cent. Unemployment had fallen from its three million peak to *just below two million,* but was soon to turn sharply upwards and hit 3 million again. Even inflation, which *the Tories had chosen as the* "judge and jury" of their economic record, was not much better in May 1989 than it had been ten years earlier and was rapidly moving up.

As for the school closures foreshadowed in last night's election broadcast, the Tories *certainly know whereof they* speak: they shut down 5 per *cent of all primary schools and* 10 per cent of secondary schools between 1982 and 1989.

In fact, of the 12 prophecies of doom I noted in the Tory Jeremiad, there were only two to which the Tories did not themselves succumb in their first ten years: electoral reform and the introduction of a minimum wage. And even on *these issues, a less lenient* umpire could award own *goals against the Saatchi* brothers who masterminded the Tory broadcast.

The Labour promise of a referendum on proportional representation, for example, would emphatically not make it harder to vote a Labour government out of office. On the contrary, the main objection to PR is that it *undermines stable* government by letting small *minorities evict major parties from* power. What PR would make much harder is the achievement of the kind of political monopoly which the Tories have enjoyed for 18 years on the basis of just 44 per cent of the popular vote.

That leaves the introduction of a *minimum wage.* There is certainly nothing comparable *to this economic illiteracy in* the Tories' own record, but it may still be a mistake to try to frighten voters about Labour's effect on unemployment among the young. Not only is this bound to remind the public of the Tories' own abject failure on this issue. It may also draw attention to one of the few economic pledges which Tony Blair has made crystal clear.

*A Labour government,* he says, would guarantee a subsidised job or a training place *for every young person who* had been unemployed for more *than 6 months.* This may or may not be a sensible idea from an economic standpoint, but it has been thoroughly costed and the source of the money (the windfall profits tax utilities) has been identified.

In sum, the vague and emotive accusations made in tonight's Tory broadcast bore no particular relation to the dangers posed by a future Labour government. There are *many potentially* frightening hints and gaps in Labour policies on every subject ranging from privatisation of pensions and financing of higher education to the future of Europe and defence.

But the Saatchis will have to try harder if they want to frighten the voters without reminding them of the mixed record of the Tory years. All they come up with tonight is barroom blather. Such accusations can always be levelled against any government and justified with selective statistics — even against a government with as many genuine achievements to its credit as the Tories in the Thatcher decade.

Actors in tonight's Conservative Party election broadcast live out the ‘nightmare’ of rising taxes and unemployment after a *Labour victory*

ADAM NADEL / AP

Pete Wilson and wife in 1995 when he announced his attempt at the presidency

# California got there first with fantasy TV

By Tim Hames

IN THE past Conservative party election broadcasts have played on memories of 1979, offering images of rubbish piled in the streets and the dead left unburied.

However, with many voters only dimly aware of who James Callaghan was, never mind what he did, Lord Saatchi clearly decided it was time for a change. For the first *time, tonight's broadcast* offers a fantasy future of life *under Blair, in effect abandoning* 1979 for 1999.

The fantasy future technique was first used in California by Upton Sinclair in 1934. It was perfected there by Governor Pete Wilson of California 60 years later. His situation in 1994 was similar to John Major's today. The Republicans had held power *in the state* for 12 years. Wilson had been elected during a *recession* and raised taxes. There were charges of petty corruption. The Democrats nominated Kathleen Brown, a young, moderate figure with a vigorous style. She held a 23-point lead in the polls. Wilson was widely written off as finished.

The Governor fought back with television adverts that pictured California under Kathleen Brown. Immigrants *from Mexico would flood the* state. Crime figures would explode under her watch. The slow improvement in the economy would be reversed.

The strategy payed splendid dividends. Wilson not only recovered but won by 14 points on polling day.

# The worst could be yet to come

UNABLE to get the electorate to hear what they are saying, let alone agree with them, the *Tories last night appealed* directly through their first *party election broadcast* with the simple message: don't sleepwalk into a *Labour* government. Developing a theme they tried out in a party political broadcast in January, in which fake newsreaders reported imagined headlines of the torments of life under Labour, they hired a bunch of actors to pose as workers telling of their regrets at having voted Labour.

**TV WATCH**

**NICHOLAS WAPSHOTT**

The film-makers adopted a style more effectively employed in the past by left-leaning directors such as Mike Leigh and Ken Loach, briefing actors on the situation and allowing them to improvise their parts.

In a dig at the opinion pollsters, the opening title *read:* "*Imagine if the polls* were right. Imagine if Labour won the election." Or, as they perhaps said to the actors: imagine you were thrown out of work, imagine interest rates soaring, imagine inflation was back with a vengeance. Imagine, too, that you believed all the mud thrown *at the Government.*

The target audience was the working-class Tory who in the past five years John Major *has lost. The locations* were depressingly urban — concrete flyovers and fading red-brick community centres, with the drone of heavy traffic. The actors were mostly leather-clad; no ties. When the titles flashed up — "After three years of Labour government . . ", there was the sound of a cruel wind howling.

Posing as the sort of fellow who might live in Basildon and drive a van for a living, a northern man sporting a goatee whined. "We voted Labour and, you know, like most *people we thought — fresh blood,* you know, we believed all that *stuff about the Government* running out of steam, and *sleaze and, well, it seems the* further we get into the Labour term the more it was just change for change's sake."

They queued up with sorrows and regrets. A woman with an Estuary accent groaned, "I mean, for example, you talk about unemployment figures. Well, it's just numbers. It doesn't mean anything to you, but when you actually — when I actually lost my job a few weeks ago, because I was made redundant, then it's a whole different story."

All well and good. But it only takes one of the actors to break ranks and tell his own true-life horror story of high interest rates and *unemployment under the Tories and the* message "Britain is booming. *Don't let Labour blow it*" will seem as hollow as the Tories' effective but deceitful "Double Whammy" tax-scare posters in the 1992 election.

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Adrian Rogers says homosexuality is "disease-ridden"

# Lonely Tory faces his worst fears incarnate

MATTHEW PARRIS

THE lonely-looking candidate was carrying a small soap box and flanked by two nervy and embarrassed young minders. "I know you," he said, "you're the man who writes unpleasant things about me in *The Times*. I hardly think you're going to be impartial here. You don't give a man a fair chance."

This was the Conservative candidate for Exeter, a Tory marginal. Dr Adrian Rogers — he of the "homosexuality is a sterile, disease-ridden occupation" opinions — did indeed know me: I have written in the past of the difficulty Tory voters in Exeter who are gay, or tolerant of others who are, may have in voting for him this time.

The contest is made the more piquant by the fact that his Labour opponent, Ben Bradshaw, is openly gay. "Bent Ben," Rogers has called him. Worse, Bradshaw works for the BBC. Worse still, he comes from London. Rogers, a GP who has led the Conservative Family Campaign, finds within his sights the very evil he has campaigned against for years.

The campaign is not going well. When Ian Lang, the President of the Board of Trade, visited Exeter recently, there was, sadly, no time to meet the Tory candidate. The outgoing Tory MP, Sir John Hannam , has found it inconvenient to put in more than a token effort on his successor's behalf. Ben Bradshaw, meanwhile, is basking (if we may put it thus) in Dr Rogers's disapproval.

Bradshaw is a leggy, fresh-faced, floppy-haired young man with a quick mind, a pleasant manner, a ready smile, a vaunting ambition, unlimited energy, a merry laugh and a strategic sense-of-humour-failure wherever humour looks risky.

"Really nice to meet you," "isn't it hot today!", "Absolutely!", "Lovely to meet," "all the best" . . . Mr Bradshaw was canvassing Church Road: in new-Labour-Speak "blitzing and voter-IDing".

"I'm a Liberal, really," said one lady householder, abashed.

"Absolutely. But you know, that's a little bit of a waste."

He combines an eagerness to gather us all up with an unsettling vagueness as to where he means to take us. The project was Victory. Full stop. As he leapt down the street, darting this way and that ahead of the throng, he reminded me of a Pied Piper of Hamelin.

"I meet a lot of Liberal Democrats, voting for me. Here's one of my posters, in case you get more committed. Then you can stick it up."

"Stick it up where?" I asked. Sense-of-humour failure. "Soft Labour, former Liberal, eminently squeezable," he instructed his aide briskly, diving for another door.

"I don't want that Common Market," said another woman, but Bradshaw changed the subject. Whatever people asked, he switched deftly to the NHS and Education. Absolutely. It was as though he were programmed.

"I'm a capitalist," barked one elderly lady, round her door, "Home rule for England! No more money for Scotland!"

"I'm very religious," he told us, pointing. "That's my church. Every Sunday. Six old ladies and me." "Seven old ladies, then," I said. Sense-of-humour-failure. Absolutely. We were nearing the Cathedral, outside which Tony Blair was to speak after lunch. As we entered a pub, one youth, mistaking him for Blair, muttered "Tony Blair. Full of shit."

"Isn't it lovely!" said Bradshaw, indicating the Gothic architecture outside. "You wouldn't believe it was going to be Labour after May 1." He ordered a pint of shandy and a cornish pasty.

Through the plate glass we had seen Dr Rogers. He had arrived to canvass the square but seemed unsettled by Bradshaw's appearance in the pub. It was then that I had stepped outside to meet him.

"You should be ashamed," Rogers had said, ending our conversation. "Go home." I was not ashamed, but something disquieted me, attached as I was to Ben Bradshaw's self-confident claque and sense of approaching victory. I felt that the isolated Dr Rogers was rather brave.

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Ben Bradshaw. Dr Rogers's openly gay Labour opponent

# Tories make capital on Prescott's doubts over privatisation

BY JILL SHERMAN, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Tories seized yesterday on an admission by John Prescott that Labour had no plans to privatise anything, claiming this flew in the face of Tony Blair's new conversion to the private sector.

"We don't have a policy of directly wanting to privatise anything, quite frankly. But we will face the realities of what has to be done with public assets," Labour's deputy leader told ITN news.

Dr Brian Mawhinney said that view contradicted Mr Blair who had spent all week giving the impression that he had a privatisation policy. "It is now clear that Labour is in turmoil and disarray over its eleventh-hour conversion to privatisation," the Tory Party chairman said. "John Prescott has little in common with Mr Blair and open warfare is now breaking out at the very top of the Labour Party."

Mr Prescott told ITN that Labour would inherit a financial crisis from the Tories and "we are quite prepared in some cases, perhaps, to consider selling, and in some cases putting them into public/private [ownership]". He pointed out that as Mr Blair had said, it was not total privatisation or total nationalisation, both of which had not worked in some cases.

"It's a combination of practical common sense. I've always stood for that. A bit of the old traditional values in a modern setting. I'm quite happy to stand by that," he said.

Last night John Major said Labour was in open warfare on privatisation policy. Mr Blair was now in favour of privatisation but Mr Prescott had said they did not have a policy of wanting to privatise anything. "Open policy, open mouth, open mind, open warfare, that's the real Labour party up and down the country," the Prime Minister said.

Michael Heseltine, the Deputy Prime Minister, earlier accused Labour of "cynically lying" over its position on the privatisation of the National Air Traffic Control System.

Gordon Brown acknowledged last week that he would consider selling it off as part of a whole range of possible privatisations if he became Chancellor. He denied this week that it was a U-turn.

His admission came under pressure to say how he would fill the £1.5 billion gap between Labour's spending plans and the Tories' privatisation receipts. The diclosure contradicted a statement by Andrew Smith, shadow transport secretary, who told Labour's conference last autumn: "Our air is not for sale."

Over the weekend a Labour spokesman claimed that Mr Smith had not opposed the principle of the sell-off, just the particular scheme. He added that senior party figures had made clear this year that privatisation was an option.

Yesterday, the Tories released a letter dated February 5 from Keith Bradley, a shadow transport minister, to air traffic controllers: it insisted that Labour was implacably opposed to the sell-off.

Mr Heseltine, speaking on Radio 4's *Today* programme, highlighted the contradiction. He said: "Tony Blair's deceit is out in the open. He has broken his promises to air traffic controllers. He tells them one thing in private and another in public."

## Blair heads for new frontiers in humour

**TONY BLAIR had a funny turn last night at a "show" for party supporters in Plymouth. His inspiration came from another guest, Patric Stewart — Jean-Luc Picard in *Star Trek: The Next Generation*. Mr Blair told the audience of "a heartless being whose only motive was power and whose only aim was destruction". A Borg, perhaps? "No, Michael Howard." A mysterious world inhabited by strange beings with odd haircuts and bewildering beliefs: Planet Portillo. "Here on planet Earth we don't have Klingons, we have Tories. First we had John Major clinging on as long as he could before calling an election. Now we have the ultimate cling-on — the so-called Honourable Member for Tatton."**

# Plot thickens in row over 'jobs for Tony's cronies'

BY ANDREW PIERCE, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

TONY Blair was embroiled in a row yesterday after the disclosure that veteran Labour MPs were being offered jobs in the House of Lords to persuade them to stand down to make way for younger candidates.

Seven Labour stalwarts have announced since the election was called that they were quitting. At least two have been offered high-powered jobs in a Labour government.

John Evans, 66, an MP for 23 years, was approached with the offer of a senior post by a friend who came with the full authority of the Labour leader. Allan Rogers, 64, the MP for Rhondda was also sounded out over whether he would accept a peerage in return for giving up his safe seat.

The revelations come only a day after Sir Ray Powell, 68, the MP for Ogmore since 1979, alleged that he was offered a peerage by Ron Davies, the Shadow Welsh Secretary. "It was a straight deal. Whether he had the right to do that I don't know," he told the *Western Mail* yesterday. Mr Davies has denied the charge.

Mr Evans, a highly respected backbencher and former member of the National Executive Committee, was approached the day after John Major announced the date of the general election.

The unnamed intermediary gave him 24 hours to decide whether to accept the offer of an unspecified job or to stay on. Mr Evans decided to resign and wait for the call from Mr Blair after the election.

Mr Evans said last night: "No one attempted to put any pressure on me to stand down. It was entirely my decision." But friends say that he was offered a senior job.

Conservative Central Office said: "These are jobs in the Lords for Tony's cronies. And jobs in the Commons for Tony's boys and girls. It is Labour sleaze."

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# Heseltine plays leading man in staged attack on Labour

**Philip Webster** reports how the darling of Central Office returned to the role he loves best

MICHAEL HESELTINE firmly stamped himself as the darling of Conservative Central Office yesterday after 12 hours of bravura electioneering that had the professionals drooling.

The old campaigner mounted a one-man demolition attempt on Tony Blair and the rest of the Labour leadership from the moment he appeared on the BBC *Today* programme yesterday morning until he delivered a rabble-rousing rally speech in Chorley last night.

The Deputy Prime Minister has emerged as the minister the strategists turn to most to handle the difficult issues; he it was who had the unenviable job of going on air after the disclosures about Piers Merchant's relationship with a Soho nightclub hostess.

But nobody in the past 20 years has more enjoyed the role of hammering Labour. And yesterday he did it with a gusto.

His appearance on the *Today* programme was intended to be strictly damage-limitation. The repercussions of Neil Hamilton's endorsement did indeed put him on the defensive as James Naughtie reeled out to him the list of admissions that the former minister had already made rather than those charges he was contesting.

But Mr Heseltine had been briefed, and he succeeded in throwing into the interview the charge that Labour had lied about its policy on privatisation of air traffic control. That story was to run all day.

An hour later Mr Heseltine was sitting beside John Major in the Tory press conference room. Both of them were batting away the expected questions about Tatton when someone asked about trust. It was the signal Mr Heseltine had been waiting for. Invited to speak by Mr Major, he took centre stage with a eulogy of the Prime Minister and a character assassination of Mr Blair.

Without referring to notes, Mr Heseltine adopted his most sincere tone, and poured forth. "The great thing about this Prime Minister," he said, gesturing in Mr Major's direction, "is that he tells the truth. Tony Blair as an alternative will say almost anything in order to get headlines and soundbites. This Prime Minister has been proved in the job." Then he added: "To the best of my knowledge Tony Blair has never run anything of any significance."

He was warming up. "This Prime Minister can take the pressure. Tony Blair in this election campaign is cracking under the strain. Five changes in policy since the manifesto of the Labour Party was published. This Prime Minister knows what it is like to fight for British national self-interest. He fought for it in Europe. He secured the opt-out on the social chapter. He secured the right to decide on EMU."

Then, adapting one of his most quoted remarks, he brought the house down. "Frankly I could coin a phrase about Tony Blair in Europe. They would eat him for breakfast, lunch, tea and dinner. If there is anything left, they will get up and eat him all over again the next day."

Mr Major looked surprised and pleased.

Onward to the *World at One*, where the no-nonsense Nick Clarke had plenty of questions for Mr Heseltine about yesterday's claims and counter-claims about tax.

But Mr Heseltine had other ideas. He wanted to tell listeners some shock news about something John Prescott had just said on ITN. Contrary to what Mr Blair had said earlier this week, his deputy now said that there was no policy of privatising anything. "This open warfare between John Prescott and Tony Blair," Mr Heseltine exagerrated as Mr Clarke tried to get him back to the point.

But that was not the end of it. The dread word "trust" was mentioned again, and he was off again. Mr Blair had once backed CND, coming out of Europe, "nationalising everything". He added: "This man has sold every principle he ever had in the pursuit of power."

Within seconds, excited Tory party strategists were ringing journalists asking whether they had heard "Hezza". Soon the transcript was doing the rounds.

Campaigning is what Mr Heseltine does best and the years have rolled off him these past few days. Soon he was off to Lancashire and last night he was again laying into the enemy. A close aide said: "He is loving every single minute of it — the long campaign must have been his idea."

### HESELTINE AT BREAKFAST

***Tony Blair's deceit is now out in the open. He has broken his promises to air traffic controllers up and down the country. He tells them one thing in private and another in public.***

### AT MORNING COFFEE . . .

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### AT DINNER . . .

**Labour's programme is superficial, generalised, soft in impact and devoid of substance.**

PETER BYRNE

Spice boy: Michael Heseltine in Wigan yesterday, visiting Patak's spice factory

# Warrior queen raises ancient battle standard

**Dominic Kennedy** sees Thatcher storm Hampshire

BARONESS THATCHER was back doing what she does best yesterday, on the campaign trail bossing Tory candidates, bashing Labour and reminding war veterans that she too had battled for Britain.

"Marvellous," she told a supporter who asked how she felt on her first day of electioneering this year. "I have fought 11 elections as a candidate and I have won."

Often as she stormed through a garden centre, a primary school, an protective armour factory and Aldershot Town football club, it seemed that she was fighting one of those fondly remembered campaigns again.

Even the small groups of fans who gathered to cheer her at each stop of her tour of Aldershot and Christchurch seemed to have been left behind from another era, blue-rinsed ladies and courteous, dapper old gents, who insisted on wearing suits despite the warm sunshine. She was in vintage costume: an electric blue suit, black handbag, white pearls and a golden helmet of lacquered hair.

Baited by an American reporter who disclosed that Americans believed Tony Blair is the new Lady Thatcher, she said: "They have got the sex wrong, they have got the will power wrong, the reasoning wrong, the strength wrong. He is trying to take over our policies in part. It is a kind of conversion of convenience. I had to make the revolution happen by changing everything I found in Britain, because I had a conviction."

At the school, she was introduced to Frederick Wood, 89, laden down with war medals, a Normandy veteran who came to ask: "Why should we give away our sovereignty and freedom to Germany? I saw thousands die on the beaches."

Lady Thatcher replied: "I think we are giving too much away, it's our fish. We must recover our own parliamentary sovereignty."

This eloquent statement of Thatcherism 1997-style, was lost on Mr Wood, who had been conserving his batteries. "I forgot to turn my hearing aid on," he said afterwards.

Lady Thatcher fiercely bossed Christopher Chope, who is trying to wrest Christchurch back for the Conservatives from the Liberal Democrat by-election victor Diana Maddock. She ordered him to mingle with some more garden centre visitors, saying: "You will win, but you will have to work quite hard, do you hear? You need a good display of posters, you have got to see that they are not torn down."

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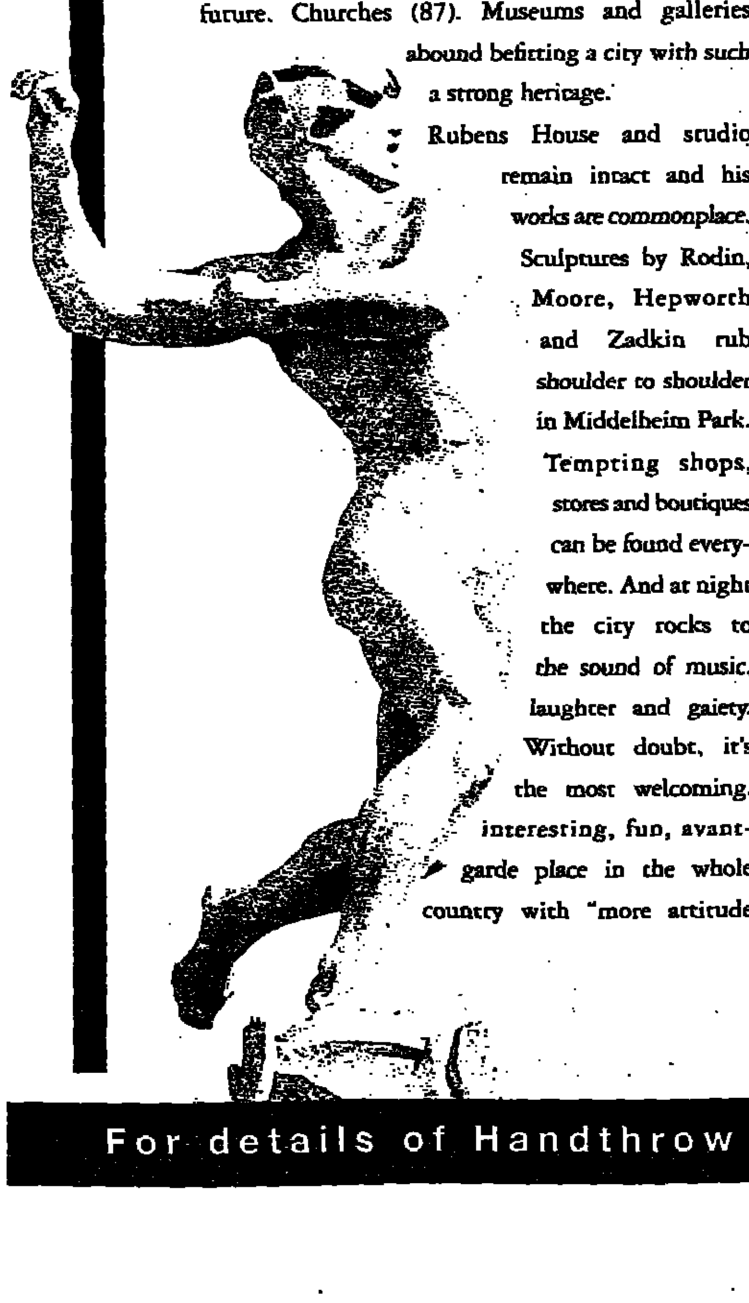

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# Tories claw back support as managers of the economy

**Peter Riddell** on MORI poll findings which suggest that the voters are beginning to focus on the election issues

THE Conservatives have *sharply improved their rating* over the past few months as the party best able to manage the economy and to handle taxation, according to the latest MORI poll for *The Times.*

The poll, based on interviews conducted on Tuesday, shows that Labour remains well ahead on the key issues which people regard as "very important" in helping to decide how they vote, such as healthcare, education and unemployment. But the Tories are in the lead as the best party on the next two issues in ranking of importance: law and order and economic management. Out of the 16 issues rated as very important, Labour is ahead on eight, the Tories on seven and the Liberal Democrats on one (protecting the natural environment).

As significant is the big relative improvement in the Tories' standing as the best party on taxation. In February, *Labour was in the lead by* 33 to 31 per cent among those regarding the issue as very important in deciding their votes. Now, the Tories are ahead by 41 to 26 per cent. The Tories have also improved their standing on managing the economy: some 45 per cent now rate them as the best party, against 23 per cent for Labour. There has been a similar shift on Europe, where the Tories now enjoy a two-to-one lead, whereas the two parties were level-pegging a year ago.

These shifts suggest that the start of the campaign has started to focus the public's minds on the issues and that some of the Tory propaganda on the economy may have started to have an impact.

If the current views of all voters, rather than just those mentioning a particular issue as important, are compared with their attitudes at the same stage of the 1992 general election campaign, the Tories have roughly the same lead over Labour on managing the economy as they did then. However, the Tory lead on Europe and taxation is down over the period: Labour is in a slightly stronger position now on education and health care; and the Tories' big lead on law and order has virtually been eliminated.

Labour's shifts on certain policies in recent days may also have damaged its image and that of Tony Blair. The number regarding him as the most capable Prime Minister has dropped from 46 to 35 per cent over the past week, with above average falls among men and among 18 to 34-year-olds. By contrast, there has been a rise of five points to 27 per cent in the number naming John Major as the most capable Prime Minister but also a six-point rise in the don't knows to 24 per cent. This suggests an increased fluidity in the campaign, also indicated by the rising number of people saying they may change their mind.

Nonetheless, a clear majority of the public believes that Labour is ready to form the next Government and Mr Blair is ready to be Prime Minister. The answers to these questions have been relatively stable over the past 18 months with between 55 and 58 per cent agreeing that Labour is ready to form the next government (55 per cent now) and between 53 and 56 per cent agreeing that Mr Blair is ready to become Prime Minister (53 per cent now).

In each case, about a third of the public disagree with the proposition that Labour is ready to form the next Government and Mr Blair to be Prime Minister. These figures still indicate that the majority of people are now prepared for a change of government.

The poll confirms the fluctuations in support for the Referendum Party, now put at 1 per cent, compared with a rounded up 2 per cent a week ago and a peak of 3 per cent before Easter.

☐ *MORI interviewed 1,114 adults at 83 sampling points across Britain on Tuesday, April 8. Voting intention figures exclude those who say they will not vote (8 per cent), those who say they are undecided (12 per cent) and those who refuse to say (4 per cent).*

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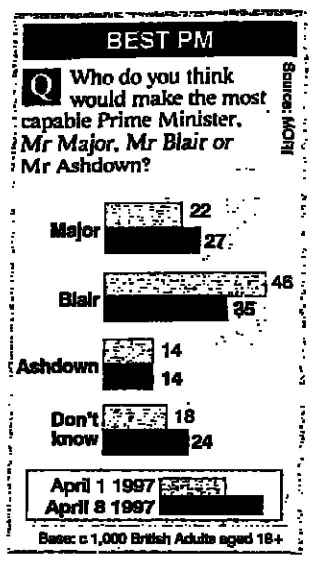

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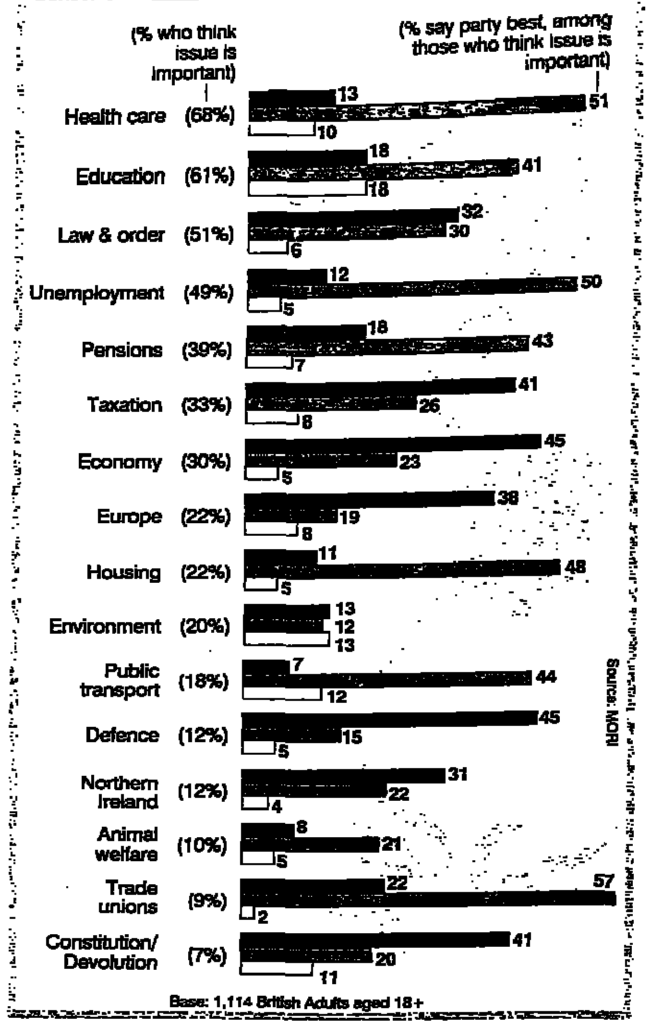

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## Apathy worse than in 1992

FEWER people say that they are certain to vote than at the same stage of the last general election, according to the MORI poll.

Some 62 per cent of the public say they are certain to vote, compared with 67 per cent three weeks before polling day in 1992. Nearer to polling day, the proportion saying they are certain to vote tends to rise. The turnout was 78 per cent last time.

Young people are now much less likely than the middle-aged to say they are certain to vote: 36 per cent of 18 to 24-year-olds say they are certain to vote — half the proportion of those aged over 55.

Three-quarters or more of those of who have deserted the Tories since 1992 or who have switched behind Labour say they are certain to vote.

Some 28 per cent of those expressing a party preference say they may change their mind before polling day. This compares with 16 per cent at the end of the last campaign. If the undecided are included, this suggests that a third of the public are floating voters.

## Parties back new legal network on human rights

By Frances Gibb, legal correspondent

POLITICIANS from the main political parties are among top QCs and solicitors backing the launch tonight of a new legal network in support of the human rights group Liberty.

The Conservative Sir Ivan Lawrence, QC, the Labour peer Lord Archer of Sandwell, QC, Alex Carlile, QC, and Lord Lester of Herne Hill, QC, (Liberal Democrats) have signed up as founding members of Lawyers for Liberty.

Barristers and solicitors joining the network will take a leading role in Liberty's work of protecting and extending human rights, as well as contributing financially to its work. They will be involved in drafting amendments to Bills, helping Liberty's litigation strategy and considering responses to changes in the law.

Others who back the network include Tony Girling, president of the Law Society, and Robert Owen, QC, chairman of the Bar. Lord Browne-Wilkinson, the law lord who stirred opposition to the Police Bill by drawing attention to provisions that he said threatened civil liberties, will speak at the launch.

John Wadham, director of Liberty, said: "As one of the UK's leading civil liberties and human rights organisations, Liberty has been working to protect rights for over 60 years. During this time lawyers have always had an essential role to play. Lawyers for Liberty will put this on a formal footing."

He said the network's aims were two-fold. "Partly it is about fund-raising but more importantly it is to get help from lawyers with the wider aspects of our work. We have always succeeded in finding top lawyers to help with litigation but we would like to involve lawyers more in policy and lobbying work."

☐ MPs taking bribes, as alleged in the "cash for questions" affair, could for the first time face criminal charges and fines or prison under proposals being considered by all the main parties. John Major said yesterday that he would "certainly examine the question of whether bribery [involving MPs] should be a criminal offence".

If bribery had been a criminal offence, some of the central allegations in the "cash for questions" affair could have been considered by the Crown Prosecution Service rather than by the internal disciplinary committees.

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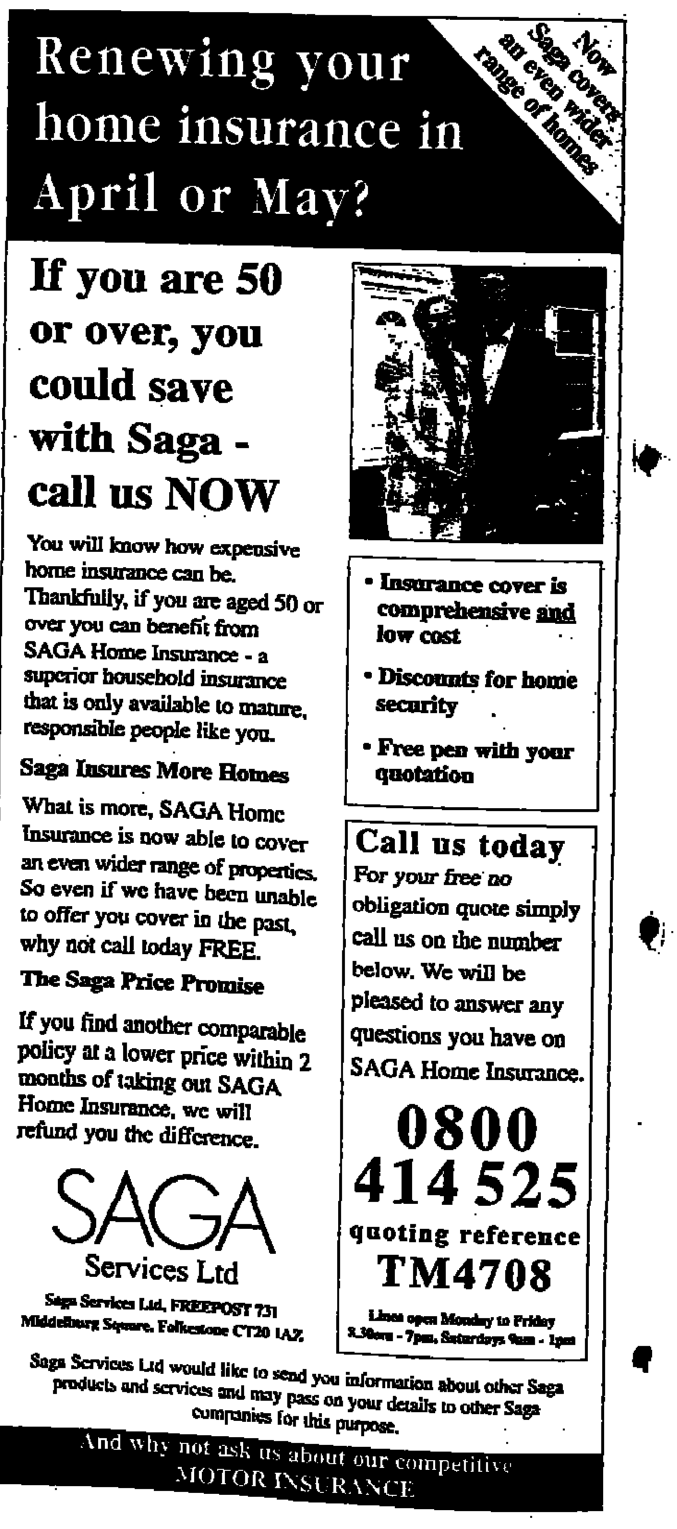
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# Viewers turn to the past in search of light relief

Old furniture is beating new Labour, and old films are luring attention away from the television news, writes Alexandra Frean

PUBLIC indifference to television coverage of the general election is creating some unlikely hits, as viewers turn away from news programmes in search of light relief.

*The Antiques Show*, a modest new BBC2 programme about country dealers, obsessive collectors and tales from car boot sales, has shot up the ratings charts, to universal surprise. According to unofficial figures, the programme's first edition on Monday, which was screened against BBC1's *Panorama* interview with Tony Blair, was watched by 4.4 million viewers.

Presented by former *Newsnight* journalist Francine Stock, it took 17 per cent of the available audience — a 50 per cent increase on BBC2's usual share. The programme gave the channel a rare victory over BBC1, beating *Panorama* by 1.6 million viewers, despite the fact that *Panorama* had been moved from its usual place after the *Nine O'Clock News* to a prime 8.30pm slot and had the benefit of following *EastEnders*. More than 14.1 million watched the soap, yet all but 2.8 million switched off or turned over after the credits rolled.

*Panorama* won a record audience of more than 20 million for its interview with Diana, Princess of Wales, and on a good night claims 5 million viewers.

By the far the biggest television loser of the campaign appears to be BBC1's *Nine O'Clock News*, which has lost between one and two million viewers since April 1 when it was extended from 25 minutes to nearly an hour to include special election coverage. According to unofficial figures, the programme, which had an average audience of 6.1 million in 1996, dropped to an average of 4.4 million last week, bottoming at 3.8 million on Friday. On Monday it had an audience of just 3.9 million.

A spokeswoman for the BBC denied that the figures were down. "There is no alarming dip," she said. Rival broadcasters say, however, that BBC1, driven by its public service remit and its "mission to explain", appears virtually to have given up competing for ratings in large parts of the schedule during the general election.

BBC2's *Newsnight*, which has been extended by 15 minutes for the duration of the campaign, has suffered a slight loss of viewers, dropping from around 1.1 million to around 1 million. *Channel 4 News* is also down slightly from around 0.74 million to 0.7 million.

ITV's *News at Ten*, which is packing its election coverage into its normal half-hour slot, has also seen a slight fall in audiences during the campaign, down from an average of 6.3 million last year to 5.8 million last week.

The fledgling Channel 5 also appears to have benefited from the exodus from BBC1's *Nine O'Clock News*. Its strongest slot is at 9pm during weekdays when it shows feature films. On Monday its screening of the Hollywood film *Highlander* attracted 1.4 million viewers, giving the channel a 7 per cent audience share, 2 per cent more than its target.

There does appear to be a hard core of dedicated political viewers, however, willing to seek out specialist programmes. BBC2's decision to screen *Newsnight* on Saturdays at 7.05pm during the election campaign has proved an unexpected success. Last Saturday the programme was watched by 1.5 million viewers — considerably more than the weekday edition.

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# Bell goes all-out for victory in a new war zone

Fired up after his first skirmish with the enemy, Tatton's new candidate has been marshalling his troops for battle, reports **Charles Bremner**

THERE was no mortar fire on the Cheshire roads yesterday, just potential voters, but Martin Bell's blood was up as he drove for his first big sortie in the war on Neil Hamilton.

Sitting in the back of a Green Vauxhall, driven by Ruth Stubbs, of Wilmslow, Mr Bell was intent on avenging the open-air ambush that Mr Hamilton and Christine, his formidable wife, had inflicted on him on Tuesday. It had been a polished job in which the old pro had thrown the neophyte onto the defensive in a verbal brawl. "I was hesitant at first, but now I'm going to nail this man," Mr Bell said through gritted teeth.

The outing to Wilmslow, to greet the citizens of the Tatton constituency, was the first since the local Conservatives endorsed as their candidate Mr Hamilton, the man at the centre of the sleaze saga, and launched the campaign of his would-be newsman nemesis. Sitting in front, Melissa, 22, the daughter whom he calls "my Mrs Hamilton", said that the ambush had fired up her father to fight hard for election victory.

Adding to the emotion was the fact that Mr Bell, had just bade farewell to the BBC, telephoning his resignation and burning his bridges after 35 years as a reporter, much of it abroad. He had become an embarrassment, he said, and the Beeb had shown a certain relief, but he was sure his love affair with the corporation would never end. "I had a high profile. They could never have taken me back."

Mr Bell, 58, had emerged for his drive from the cellar bar of the Long View hotel at Knutsford, the headquarters of a campaign that is so far being run by Melissa, a Warwick University politics graduate, and a couple of helpers including the landlord's daughter. "I desperately need staff," the newsman said as he fielded calls, talked strategy and tried to learn the local political cast.

One of his well wishers was John Stalker, the former Manchester police chief, who dropped in yesterday to offer to be his guide in local affairs. Mr Stalker declined to give his party leaning. Mr Bell is eager to gather local Tory backing to balance his Labour and Lib-Dem support. No Tory official has joined him, but he is getting calls from Conservative voters.

Absent from the car yesterday were the visible nerves of Monday's London press conference when Mr Bell, a man of a solemnity rare in a trade whose practitioners style themselves cynics, paraded his fear over his sudden launch into the political deep end, at the suggestion of Labour and Liberal Democrat leaders.

He was still absorbing the scale of his decision to throw down the gauntlet in the most closely watched seat in the land and seeing the local Labour and Liberal Democrat candidates withdraw to let him to fight on an anti-corruption ticket. "I think I'm either in a dream or a nightmare and I won't find out until the morning of the 2nd of May." But, he had "crossed the red line".

"I am a former journalist and now a politician," he said, as if not quite believing it. "It's hard to break this habit. It's very difficult to break the habits of a lifetime. I was walking past the newspaper shop and saw the papers and I thought I wonder how I'm going to cover this campaign and then I said 'Bless my soul, you are this campaign'." The newsman has had plenty of experience of campaigns, ranging from Nixon and Humphrey in 1968 to El Salvador, but he has not witnessed a British election since 1974. All those years abroad have put him into something of a time warp.

As enthusiastic as Mr Smith going to Washington, the accidental politician said that he would give his all to scale the daunting learning curve ahead of him. He might be a political innocent, but "by a year or two I'd hope to be the best member that Tatton ever had and I think that's a reasonable ambition".

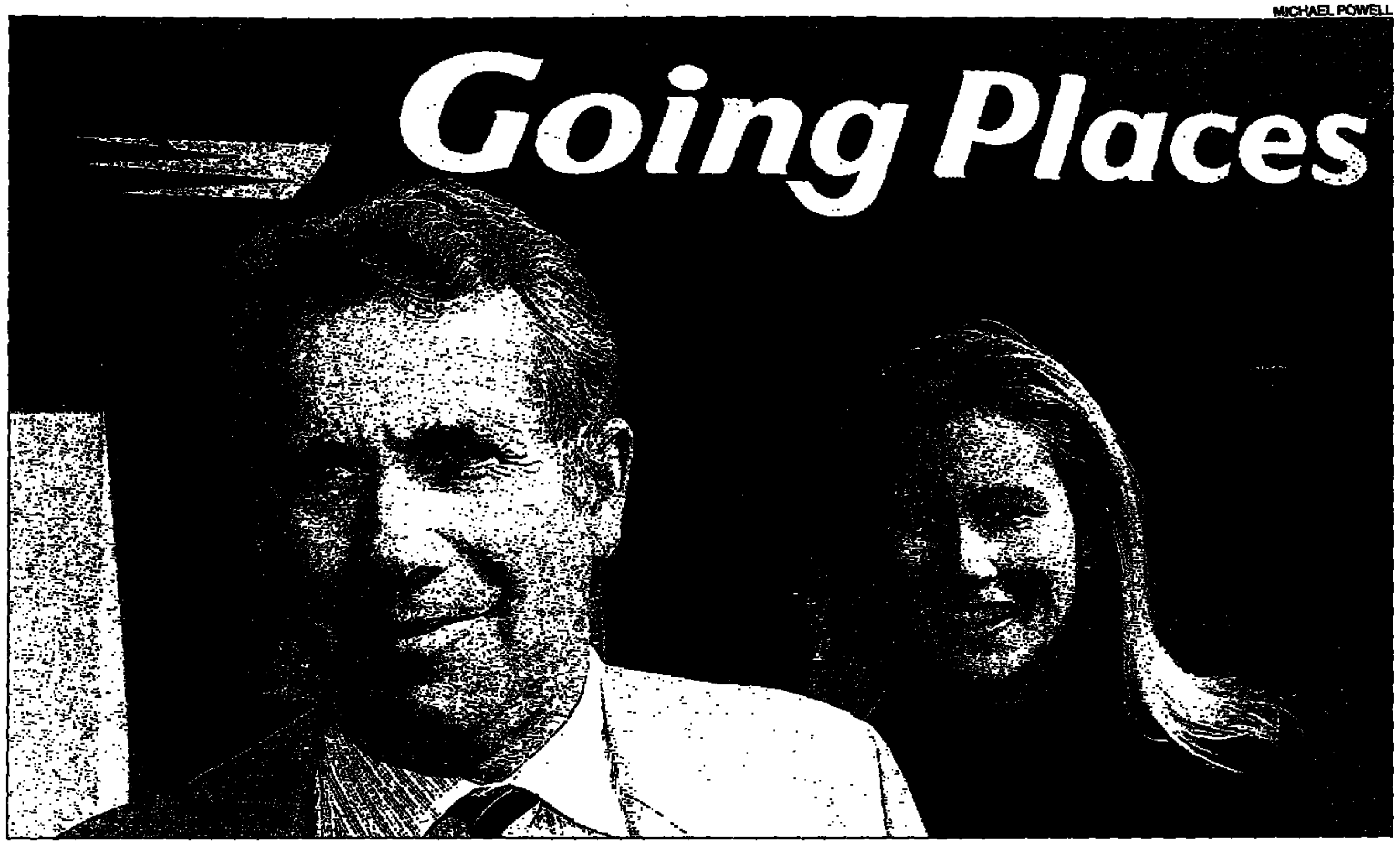
The path from newsman to independent MP is far from certain, although local bookmakers were giving him favourite. Striding in the sunshine through Wilmslow, a prosperous town studded with BMWs and Jaguars, Mr Bell found many a well wisher, but also many an eyebrow raised over the parachutist from London. Clear admiration for the newsman celebrity was mixed with grumbling about Labour stunts.

"I don't come from another planet. I come from Suffolk. I have strong connections with the Cheshire Regiment," the foreign correspondent reassured those who queried his credentials. "Do you have any fundamental beliefs?" wondered a blazer-wearing businessman in his 50s, who subjected the candidate to a Paxman-style grilling. "Don't you feel you've been set up? What do you know of the Tatton constituency"?

Mr Bell says he he will move beyond the single isue of sleaze to offer "broad brush" positions on such things as the European single currency and health issues. He needs to bone up on detail and openly pleads ignorance.

It's a bit like landing in some country and getting the story, he told the audience in Knutsford's little theatre, at risk of ruffling a few feathers. "I've been to 80 countries. You have to understand things very quickly and turn things round very quick."

MICHAEL POWELL



Martin Bell and Melissa, his daughter and "agent", go campaigning in Wilmslow, a prosperous town studded with BMWs and Jaguars

# Devoted daughter steals the limelight

By Carol Midgley

IF THE battle for Tatton was to be fought on the issue of glamour, not sleaze, Martin Bell would already have it in the bag. His new secret weapon against Neil Hamilton was yesterday revealed to be his daughter, Melissa, a 24-year-old blonde, who has stepped delicately into the fray to take on the role of emergency press officer for her father.

Already Miss Bell, who normally works in Brussels for the international news agency Reuters, is causing quite a stir in the Cheshire constituency. Young male voters have been spotted staring longingly during her walkabouts with her father, while older voters say they see her as a "pleasant antidote" to the formidable Christine Hamilton.

Worse news for the Hamilton camp may be that Miss Bell, the eldest of two daughters, is intelligent, articulate, bilingual, as well as utterly photogenic. She is also totally devoted to her father, whom she says will make a "great MP — not beholden to some party whip in Westminster ... Like all daughters with famous fathers, I worship him."

She graduated from Warwick University with a 2:1 degree in politics. She says she is currently unattached, and has taken up snow-boarding. Although she works in marketing for Reuters in Brussels, her ambition is to move into print journalism.

# Blair turns the screws to keep sleaze in news

By James Landale and Polly Newton

TONY BLAIR stepped up the pressure on Neil Hamilton to resign last night, claiming that if a Labour candidate had behaved in the same way he would have been dropped.

Mr Blair, using a keynote speech for the first time to tackle the sleaze issue, called Mr Hamilton a "symbol of Tory dishonesty and a testimony to weak leadership".

But John Major called on Conservative voters in Tatton to back Mr Hamilton. He declared: "I would vote for Neil Hamilton because I would like to continue with the policies of lowering taxes when it is affordable, improving the choice in education for parents, making sure the health service is improved, making sure we don't go down the route towards a federal Europe and making sure we carry on the improvements of the last five years into the next five years."

The Prime Minister added that, if and when Mr Hamilton "is shown to have misbehaved, then he should face the House of Commons and [it] should decide how to respond".

Speaking to party supporters in Plymouth, Mr Blair said he was willing to give Mr Hamilton the benefit of the doubt over accusations against him which are as yet unproven. But the Labour leader insisted: "There are enough wrongdoings to merit Mr Hamilton's stepping down and it is a stain on the political process that he has not."

He said: "If a candidate of mine had taken the gifts and payments Mr Hamilton took without declaring them, he would not be a Labour candidate. If a candidate of mine had lied to the Deputy Prime Minister and the Cabinet Secretary, he would not be a Labour candidate."

Mr Blair added: "The fact that he is still there has nothing whatever to do with the rules of the Conservative Party constitution. It has everything to do with the weakness of the Conservative Party leadership."

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# Wily Cook unwilling to be saddled with his horse's guilt

PETER BARNARD

AT LAST this election campaign has a real issue: does Robin Cook take part in fox-hunting, or does he just ride horses that take part in fox-hunting? Is riding a horse that follows hounds the same as taking part in fox-hunting? Can a horse be guilty of fox-hunting but its rider not guilty?

I mused on these matters after an otherwise humdrum launch of the BBC's *Election Call*, which began yesterday and runs every weekday until polling day. The return of *Election Call*, in mothballs since 1992, means the return of the dread word simulcast, for the programme is simultaneously broadcast on BBC1 and Radio 4. So you had the choice of looking at Cook, or not looking at him.

I looked, but used the radio sound, a technique taken from football commentaries. The first half was dull, although there was a *goalmouth scramble when* Cook nearly accused a caller of being a Tory stooge. Heaven forfend.

Clive Baxter from Chesterfield, Derbyshire, had called up to accuse Labour of "aping Tory policies", which raised the alarming prospect of a member of the public who had actually read the Labour manifesto. Cook started: "I think, Clive, you've got two separate briefs from Central Office . . ."

Peter Sissons, the presenter, said: "You're not accusing him of being a Central Office stooge, are you?", and Baxter interjected: "Well, I'm most certainly not a member of the Conservative Party." Cook had the last word on Tory membership, but spoilt it by mixing up Clive Baxter's name: "Well, they're a diminishing band, Mr Clive . . ." After that, there was a slight frisson when Eric Maddocks from Taunton wanted to know if Labour MPs' sponsorship by unions was not "money for questions on the grand scale".

Cook replied that he was "connected" with RMT, the rail union, but "it is not sponsorship, it's an agreement between the unions and my constituency party". The rail union "might take a different view [on rail privatisation] from that that is currently being expressed by the Labour leadership". It was unclear whether Cook and the Labour leadership are one and the same.

And so to Peter Evelyn of London. Mr Evelyn, unusually for a city dweller, was in favour of field sports and said: "I understand you are as well." There was little chance of the position being so simple.

Cook: "I've never hunted, I've never shot, I've never fished."

Sissons: "But you ride."

Cook: "Oh I ride, yes, but lots of people ride who never ride to hounds, I thoroughly enjoy riding.

Sissons: So you don't ride to hounds?"

Cook: "No. I'll freely admit that I have ridden horses that have followed hounds. I hope that doesn't make me guilty."

The image of the dapper Foreign Secretary-in-waiting out for a canter when his horse sniffs hounds and dashes off in pursuit, oblivious to every tug on the reins, is quite engaging — *unless the scene is a metaphor*, with the unions as the horse.

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# Famous Tory names hope familiarity breeds intent

**Damian Whitworth** meets Norman Lamont, and **Michael Horsnell** meets David Amess, who have switched constituencies after boundary changes

HULTON GETTY

Family tradition: Lady Iveagh campaigning in Southend in 1927. Below, her grandson and successor Paul Channon, left, who is retiring after 38 years in the seat, and his would-be successor David Amess

Lamont: thinks Labour surge may help him

THEY are two familiar faces in new places: one-time Tory heroes who have moved on after boundary changes left their old seats unsafe or non-existent.

*In this election, the* former Chancellor Norman Lamont, once John Major's right-hand man, is standing to become a North Yorkshire MP after losing his place in the Home Counties. And David Amess, once the champion of Basildon Man, hopes the coast is clear *for him to win the safer seat of* Southend West, long guarded by an old Tory dynasty.

Mr Lamont has mostly spurned offers of local TV debates, newspaper interviews or even photo calls, and is confining himself to voters' doorsteps in Harrogate and Knaresborough. *He seems to* have realised that he has a fight on his hands protecting a Tory majority of 9,211.

Last week, the former MP for the now vanished constituency of Kingston upon Thames he was in London while his Liberal Democrat opponents were canvassing tirelesly. Then *The Times* disclosed Mr Lamont's Big Idea: a panel including Lord Archer, *Lord Lloyd-Webber and* Lord Palumbo to advise on the future of the Harrogate area. The scheme was treated with moderate enthusiasm in the area. However, a weekend survey suggested that many Labour supporters were planning to cast their votes for the Liberal Democrats in a tactical ploy. On Monday, Mr Lamont hit the streets again.

Paddy Ashdown has also *visited Harrogate, and took* Mr Lamont as the starting point for his speech at a Westminster rally: "We really have got Norman Lamont on the run. After rejections from a dozen seats, he ended up in Harrogate. Norman was out of the frying pan and into the fire."

Mr Lamont clinched the nomination for Harrogate by just a handful of local party votes, *after months of humiliating* rejection by other Conservative Associations. *But the* Boundary Commission has caused upheavel here too, taking away affluent rural pockets from the constituency, which had remained a safe Tory seat for 23 years in the *hands of Robert Banks, who* lived in Suffolk.

The Liberal Democrats are rampant. Of the 35 councillors in the constituency, 28 are Liberal Democrat and only three Tory. Mr Lamont's key opponent is Phil Willis, a head teacher who has led the coun*cil since 1990. Mr Willis, 55, is* comparing his own financial acumen with the local budget with Mr Lamont's days as Chancellor.

*Mr Willis* said: "I don't blame him entirely for Black Wednesday, but I do blame him for tax promises he didn't keep and for VAT on fuel."

*The Times* finally tracked *down Mr Lamont on his way* back to his campaign headquarters after a pub lunch. He was then setting off to Knaresborough with his wife and party workers. He said he did not believe that newspapers hugely influenced voters, and he wanted to spend time meeting constituents.

Eventually, he agreed to an *interview: "I have been work*ing exceedingly hard here for a year and a quarter and have met a huge number of people. When I was out today, I met a chap whom I had met three times before. I have been here every weekend apart from a handful, and in midweek quite a lot."

He said that he was especially interested in issues regarding the heritage of Harrogate, which was being over developd by the Liberal Democrats. His own survey, he claimed, showed that the Labour vote was *rising sharply, and those of the Lib Dems* and the Tories were dropping. "And that is what I believe will happen." So the Labour rise would return him to Westminster.

Life is looking simpler for David Amess, described as the only Conservative to have *moved nearer to Europe since* the election was called. He has taken the "chicken run" from the concrete walkways of marginal new-town Essex for Southend West's Tory *majority* of 12,000, guarded by the Guinness-Channon dynasty for most of the century.

*It was occupied by the* former Cabinet minister Paul Channon for 38 years. Mr Channon's grandfather, the Honourable R. E. C. L. Guin*ness, was elected in 1912.* Mr Channon's grandmother, Lady Iveagh was elected in 1927, and went on to be chosen by Baldwin as the first woman to chair a party conference, because he thought it was going to be "difficult". The seat was passed to her son Sir *Henry "Chips" Channon, and* finally to Paul Channon at the age of 23, in 1959.

The contrast between the patrician figure of Mr Channon (Eton, Oxford and the Blues) and Mr Amess does not alarm the cockney ex-grammar schoolboy, whose *parents worked as an electri*cian and a tea lady. At Iveagh Hall, his campaign headquarters, Mr Amess joked: "If I want to start a new family *tradition, I could go one better.* My son is also David Amess although I am not encouraging him to go into politics.

"Mr Channon served Southend well. It is rather different here from Basildon. It's a civilised area with traditions."

Mr Amess claims that far *from leaving Basildon, where* a notional 2.2 per cent swing would hand the seat to Labour, Basildon left him: "Even my headquarters and constituency association there are now in another constituency because of the boundary changes.

"*It is no longer the same* seat. I was the first and last MP for Basildon."

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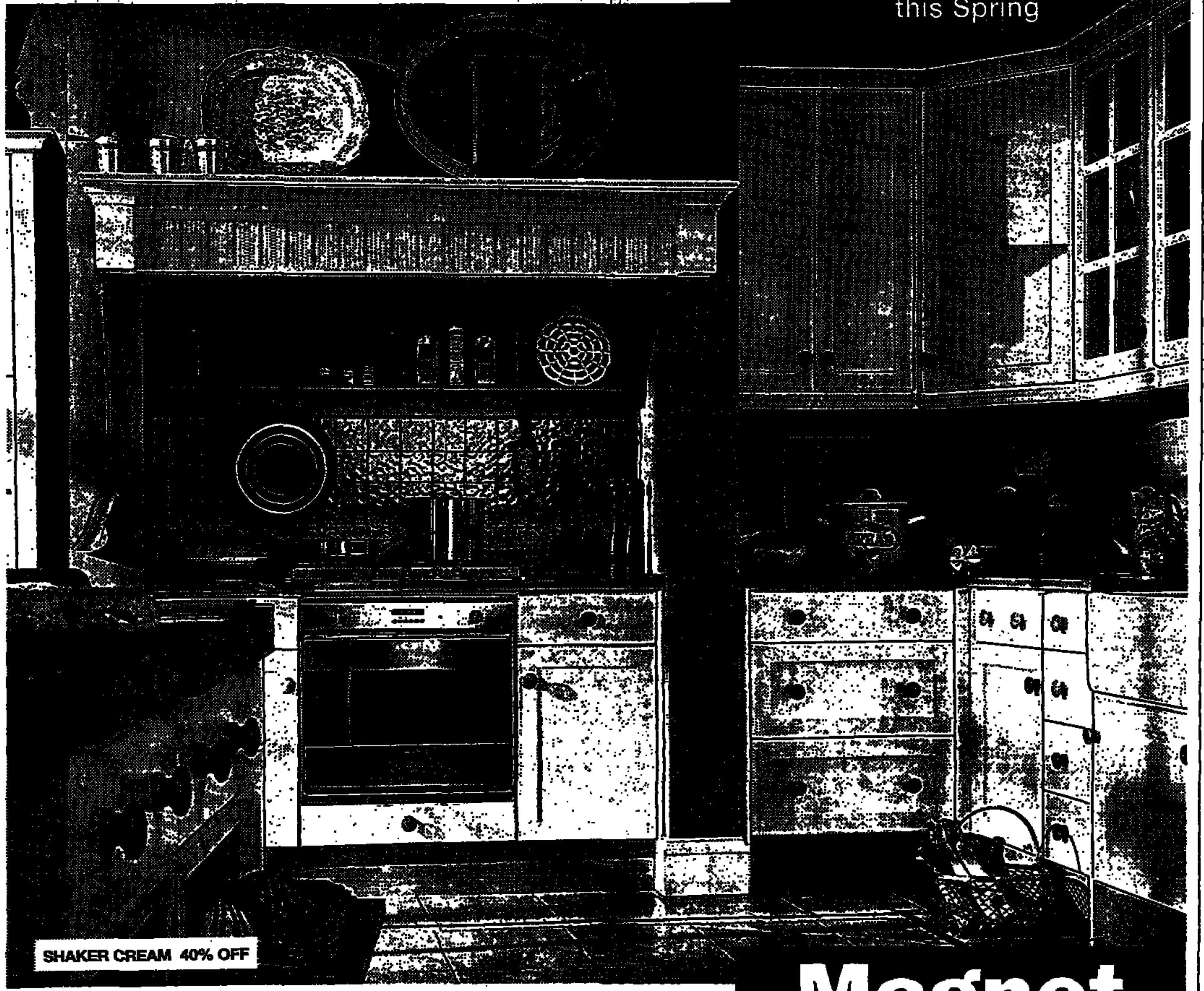

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# Kohl's wise men urge two-year delay on euro

## Chirac visits Bonn to heal differences

FROM DEBORAH COLLCUTT IN BONN

TWO of Germany's "five wise men" have cast doubt on their Government's ability to fulfil entry criteria for economic and monetary union (EMU). Their misgivings emerged before talks in Bonn last night between Helmut Kohl, the Chancellor, and President Chirac of France, aimed at patching up growing Franco-German differences over Europe.

Professor Herbert Hax, the president of the group of top five independent economists who advise the German Government, backed comments by Professor Rolf Peffekoven, his colleague. Professor Peffekoven said the start of EMU would have to be delayed by up to two years because of Bonn's strict interpretation of the Maastricht treaty entry criteria.

In an interview with Cologne's *Express* newspaper, Professor Peffekoven said this line of monetary policy was wise to a point, but not as regards reducing the budget deficit to 3 per cent of the gross domestic product this year in time for monetary union entry on January 1, 1999.

"As a softening of the convergence criteria is now out of the question, the single currency must be delayed for between one to two years," he said. The professor, who lectures in finance at Mainz University, said the Chancellor and Theo Waigel, the Finance Minister, had more room to play with than they allowed themselves.

Professor Hax, a lecturer in finance at Cologne University echoed the views of his colleague in an interview in today's *Kölner/Bonner Rundschau* by saying it was too late to relax interpretation of the criteria.

"It is better to hang on the hardline approach and delay the start of the euro," he said, adding that if European Union members could agree to a relaxation of the convergence terms then they "should say so today, so that the countries can adjust".

He told the newspaper that it was unlikely Germany would fulfil the criteria in the present economic climate. "Other EU countries have the same problem and a single European currency with only a few participants makes no sense," he said.

The euro was one of the topics due for discussion in Bonn last night and President Chirac is sure to be unsettled by Professor Peffekoven's comments.

The junior coalition partners of Herr Kohl's Christian Unions, the Free Democrats (FDP), met the Chancellor in Bonn on Tuesday to smooth over a rift between Herr Waigel and Klaus Kinkel, the FDP Foreign Minister.

"Along with other EU colleagues, you should get on with your job of concentrating on the political union and save us your advice on the single European currency," Herr Waigel warned Herr Kinkel in response to a newspaper article quoting the Foreign Minister as saying Germany was at "the point of no return" with the euro.

Herr Waigel interpreted his colleague's comment as an attempt to indicate that Germany should soften its stand on the stability criteria — a view described as "unnecessary and exaggerated" by the FDP. The Finance Minister denied reports that he had relaxed his efforts to match the budget to the 3 per cent target.

Sources in Bonn said the Government considered Herr Kinkel was making life hard by implying the criteria could be interpreted more loosely when the Finance Minister and Chancellor have no intention, at present, of straying from the hardline approach.

International markets will be hoping for a statement from the Chancellor after his meeting with President Chirac to explain Germany's dogged policy on strict criteria compliance amid signs that it cannot meet it.

Professor Peffekoven said in view of the latest unemployment figures — a small monthly fall but a new March postwar record of 4.48 million or 11.7 per cent — Germany could easily fail to fulfil the criteria. "I predict average unemployment of 4.2 million in 1997, that is to say that no change in the trend can be achieved," he said. "Therefore it will be difficult to reach the 3 per cent deficit criteria." He added that as the Government had ruled out further tax increases, public spending and welfare benefits would have to be drastically reduced.

During their informal talks, Herr Kohl and M Chirac are expected to discuss European Union reform plans and the expansion of Nato.

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Helmut Kohl rings the bell to open yesterday's Cabinet meeting, while two top advisers were urging him to ring the changes on EMU

# Nato deal paves way for French re-entry

BY MICHAEL EVANS
DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

PARIS is ready to resolve its dispute with the Americans over the command of Nato's southern Europe headquarters, which should guarantee France's reintegration into the alliance's military structure after an absence of 31 years.

The first stage in a deal between Washington and Paris emerged yesterday when it was confirmed that a Nato-Russia summit to sign a security charter will be held in Paris on May 27, if talks with Moscow are completed in time.

The choice of Paris for an event that will formalise a new strategic partnership between Nato and Russia is a significant boost for French prestige. It will also provide proof for the French that Nato has changed sufficiently since the end of the Cold War to justify France's return to the integrated structure which it left in March 1966.

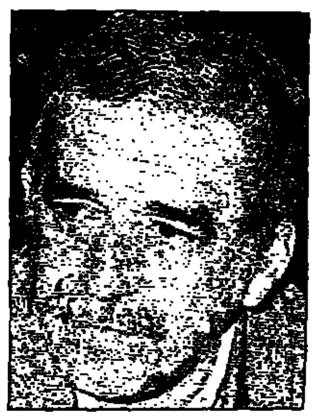
The second part of the deal is expected to be a compromise under which the Americans will retain command of Allied Forces Southern Europe (Afsouth), based in Naples, but a European will be given a new four-star deputy commander post which will be responsible for all European force structures in the region.

France has been demanding that a European should be in command at Afsouth but the United States, which has the 6th Fleet in the Mediterranean, has refused to relinquish control of the key headquarters command. French ministers said they would drop plans to reintegrate unless they got their way.

The anticipated deal with Paris will mean that France will formally announce its reintegration at the Nato summit in Madrid in July when invitations are to be made to Poland, the Czech Republic and Hungary to join the alliance.

Confirmation that Paris has been chosen for the Nato-Russia summit came from Yevgeni Primakov, the Russian Foreign Minister, after talks yesterday with President Chirac. He said President Yeltsin had accepted an invitation to visit Paris on May 27.

# Author aspires to Spanish H-free zone



García Márquez: says spelling is redundant

FROM GILES TREMLETT IN MADRID

SPANISH children may be dancing with joy but a proposal by Gabriel García Márquez, the Nobel laureate, to do away with spelling has caused consternation in the hallowed halls of the Royal Academy of Spain.

"Spelling should be pensioned off," the author of *One Hundred Years of Solitude* recommended. "It terrorises human beings from birth."

The illustrious members of the Royal Academy, which has acted as both protector of the Spanish language and arbiter of orthographic acceptability for the past two centuries, have reacted with scorn. "It would make Spanish like English, a language with no rules," Luis Goytisolo, the author and academy member, complained.

Señor García Márquez said a first step towards getting rid of spelling should include the banishing of two letters from the Spanish alphabet. He suggested axeing the silent and therefore useless letter H, and merging the B with the V, which are pronounced more or less the same. Were his proposals to win acceptance, Spanish greetings would never be the same. *¡Hola!* would become *¡Ola!*, and *¡Bienvenido!* (Welcome) would have to be either *¡Bienbenido!* or *¡Vienvenido!*

Señor García Márquez made his call before King Juan Carlos of Spain and an audience of academics gathered at the International Congress of the Spanish Language in Mexico. His ideas went down well with Latin American academics. "Spelling is used to oppress people," Raúl Ávila, the Mexican linguist, enthused.

# Two named over Calvi death

FROM RICHARD OWEN IN ROME

MAGISTRATES in Rome yesterday issued arrest warrants for two mafiosi allegedly involved in the death of Roberto Calvi, the Vatican-linked financier known as "God's Banker", who was found hanging under Blackfriars Bridge, London, in 1982.

The warrants were served on Pippo "The Cashier" Calo and Flavio Carboni, described as a Rome businessman. Calo, a Cosa Nostra member, is already in prison for gangland crimes. Signor Carboni was recently extradited to Italy from Switzerland on charges relating to the collapse of Banco Ambrosiano, which Calvi ran. He was not immediately arrested, but his home was searched.

Reports said the arrest warrants were the result of information given to police by Francesco Marino Mannoia, a Mafia supergrass.

The coroner's court in London which investigated Calvi's death was unable to decide if he had taken his own life or been murdered. During an Italian government crackdown on Cosa Nostra last summer, Francesco "Frank the Strangler" Di Carlo, a leading Mafia gangster, reportedly confessed to killing Calvi, who had been president of Banco Ambrosiano, which was, in effect, run by the Mafia and collapsed with huge debts in 1982.

Di Carlo was arrested in Britain in 1987 and sentenced to 25 years for drugs trafficking, but was extradited to Italy last June. Police said at the time that they believed the Mafia had wanted Calvi dead because he pocketed money invested by Mafia bosses in Banco Ambrosiano.

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## Prime Minister of Zaire replaced amid protests as Lubumbashi falls

# 'Mobutu is history' says US as rebels near capital

By Sam Kiley, Africa correspondent and Bronwen Maddox in Washington

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Etienne Tshisekede, the Prime Minister, is flanked by security forces as he tried to enter the Kinshasa parliament yesterday. He was detained later

AMERICA called on Zaire's ailing President Mobutu to step down and leave the country yesterday as violence reached the capital, Kinshasa, and government troops failed to stop the nation's second city, Lubumbashi, from falling to rebels.

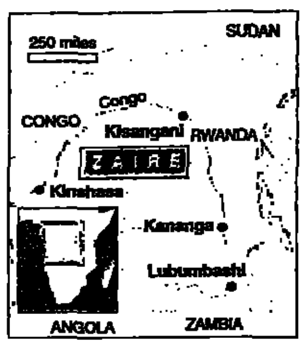
Supporters of Etienne Tshisekedi clashed with troops firing teargas in Kinshasa after the newly-appointed *Prime Minister* was arrested and Mr Mobutu named a successor. However, with Laurent Kabila's mainly Tutsi-led rebels 120 miles to the east of the capital, the White House publicly rounded on its ally of the past 25 years. Mike McCurry, the White House spokesman, said: "Mobutuism is about to become a creature of history".

In Lubumbashi, troops from the Alliance of Democratic Forces for the Liberation of Congo-Zaire entered the southern outskirts before taking over. They were cheered by civilians who, after 32 years of dictatorship, see the rebels as their liberators.

The guerrillas, who had met little opposition in their march across the country, encountered strong initial resistance from Mr Mobutu's presidential division, which had been reinforced overnight. By nightfall, however, it was con*firmed that the rebels were in* charge, and only celebratory gunfire could be heard.

Yesterday the rebels also took Likasi, 60 miles north west of Lubumbashi — formerly Elizabethville — without a fight.

The town is the centre of Zaire's cobalt and copper industries and of secessionist movements since the 1960s. The rebel forces were reported to be advancing on at least three fronts, including one *from the south along the* Zambian border with Zaire.



The local population, citizens of the province formerly known as Katanga, have secessionist sentiments which run deep, and do not support the government forces.

Lubumbashi, the capital of Shaba province, represents the final economic prize for the rebels. The province generates most of the Government's revenue.

Government troops *prowled the city yesterday,* taking vehicles from civilians and menacing businesses. Many foreigners haved already fled to Zambia in fear of army looting.

In Kinshasa, government troops detained Mr Tshisekedi, a long-time enemy of Mr Mobutu, after firing teargas at supporters near his car. About 2,000 protesters scattered in panic. Mr Tshisekedi was later dismissed and Mr Mobutu appointed Likulia *Balongo as Prime Minister in* his place.

Yesterday Kofi Annan, the United Nations Secretary-General, said he thought face-to-face talks between Mr Mobutu and Mr Kabila might be agreed on soon — which could lead to a ceasefire. Mr Kabila has continued to insist, however, that he will not stop fighting until Mr Mobutu resigns.

Diplomats in Kinshasa fear that the rebellion which *started in the country's east* could spark a popular uprising in the capital. Hundreds of British, American, French and Belgian troops are on standby in neighbouring Congo to evacuate foreigners.

In Washington, Mr McCurry said yesterday that support in Zaire for Mr Mobutu was "not sufficient to lead Zaire into the next chapter of its history". He said Mr Mobutu was "well aware" of the American position.

*Mr Mobutu, 66,* who is reported to be seriously ill with prostate cancer, is believed to want to die as head of Zaire.

The White House wants to see a negotiated end to the civil war, including agreements on a transition government, leading eventually to democratic elections. That position, Mr McCurry said, "reflects our view that Mobutuism is about to become a creature of history".

# Gingrich comes out fighting to remain Speaker

From Tom Rhodes in Washington

AFTER months in political exile Newt Gingrich, the battered Republican leader, is elbowing his way back to power in a final effort to salvage his plummeting career on Capitol Hill.

Employing invective not heard since the days of *his* Republican revolution in 1994, the House Speaker is assuming a high-risk strategy to reclaim his place on America's political stage.

He has glided almost un*noticed through* the corridors of Congress since being found guilty in January of using a tax-free charity to help to fund his political activities. He misled investigators about the scandal and, in the first such punishment of a Speaker in American *history*, was fined $300,000 (£185,000) by colleagues. He barely survived re-election to office and disappeared *into obscurity*.

As Congress returned *from* its spring recess this week, however, Mr Gingrich began a fiery counter-offensive. In speeches to political groups, he declared war on unions, compared the fundraising irregularities of the Clinton Administration to the decline of the Roman Empire, and branded Yassir Arafat, the President of the Palestinian Authority, "an active accomplice" in terror.

Yesterday he held another photo-opportunity to discuss his trip to Asia, a visit aides have deemed a public relations triumph. Tomorrow, for the first time in months, he will take part in a lengthy television interview, with Larry King. He has had lunch with freshman Republicans to convince *them* he is committed to tax cuts, the crown jewel of his *Contract with America*, which many felt he sacrificed at the altar of compromise with President Clinton.

Buoyed by the knowledge that the Republicans lack an obvious replacement, Mr Gingrich is clearly determined to reassert his leadership. However, this Congress session is littered with potential landmines. He faces a possible criminal investigation for tax abuses and must decide whether to pay the $300,000 with his own money or use donated funds, a move bound to anger many Republicans.

He must also handle sensitive budget negotiations and legislation *on China'a trading* status, issues that have already divided his party. His latest public approval rating registered a mere 26 per cent — half that of Mr Clinton — and several conservative publications have called openly for a replacement.

# Brazil's brutal police caught on video

From Gabriella Gamini *in Rio de Janeiro*

VIDEOTAPE footage of Brazilian police beating and executing civilians in slums in São Paulo and Rio de Janeiro has provided visual evidence of a brutality that human rights organisations have condemned for years.

The scenes, shown on every news bulletin for the past week, have forced the authorities to take punitive measures against a force widely known to be heavy-handed and corrupt. President Cardoso, keen on "cleaning up" his country's poor human rights record, yesterday set up a Secretariat of Human Rights to investi*gate atrocities. "The policemen shown in* the videos will receive exemplary punishment," he said.

Six military policemen were arrested in Rio on Tuesday after Globo TV aired footage by an amateur cameraman that showed them torturing 11 people in the Cidade de Deus shantytown. Filmed at 4am on March 23, it shows men armed with automatic machineguns forcing victims against a wall and beating them with batons and belts.

The Rio tape also shows two officers, including Major Alvaro Rodrigues Garcia, who was in command, forcing two teenage girls to strip. The video was *shown a week after a tape appeared on* television news showing nine São Paulo military policemen stopping cars at random in Diadema. They then robbed and beat three men, killing one.

This week Brazilian police were condemned in a report by Human Rights Watch, the American organisation, for "torturing and frequently executing civilians". It listed 30 cases of extra-judicial killings, hundreds of "disappearances" and numerous beatings — all reported in the first months of this year.

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# 'Real war' breaks out in Hebron

From Christopher Walker in Hebron

VIOLENCE erupted for the second successive day in this West Bank city, leaving 31 Palestinians wounded and underscoring the failure of the latest American effort to revive the peace process.

Battles were fought between Palestinians and Israe*lis as thousands of protesters* vowed to take revenge after an emotional funeral for an Arab killed on Tuesday.

Slogans such as "residents of Hebron, go out and fight the settler dogs" and "there is *no replacement for Hamas* [the Islamic Resistance Movement]" were shouted as the Palestinians, armed with slingshots and firebombs, fought an unequal struggle against Israeli rubber bullets and teargas. One Israeli officer said: "It is a real war."

# Kennedy's ex-wife accuses Vatican

From Quentin Letts in New York

JOSEPH KENNEDY, son of Robert Kennedy, the assassinated former US Attorney-General, faces disclosures about his private life in a book written by his former wife.

Mr Kennedy, 44, a Roman Catholic, was last October granted an annulment by the Vatican of his 12-year marriage to Sheila Rauch, a Protestant. The former Mrs Kennedy is angry that the Church effectively "said that the marriage never truly existed in the first place".

Kennedy: annulment enraged first wife

Such is her "rage" that she is publishing *Shattered Faith: A Woman's Struggle to Stop the Catholic Church from Annuling her Marriage*. The book is expected to describe how the Kennedys got the Church to do their bidding.

The couple married in 1979 *and divorced 12 years later. In* 1993 Mr Kennedy married Beth Kelly, a former aide. As a result of the annulment, granted on the basis that Mr Kennedy did not show "due discretion" when he married, Mr Kennedy can now join fully in the life of the Church.

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# New Hong Kong leaders plan curbs on parties and protests

**From Catherine Field in Hong Kong**

HONG KONG'S pro-democracy leaders and human rights monitors reacted with dismay yesterday after the government-in-waiting unveiled plans to rein in political parties and tighten police control over street protests.

The proposed changes to civil liberties laws will prohibit political groups from having links with or accepting advice from foreign organisations and ban party members from soliciting or accepting funds abroad. The changes will also mean that political parties will have to obtain approval from the authorities to operate and the police will have power to refuse applications for political protests.

Under the proposed laws, political parties could be banned if they are deemed to breach, among other things, "national security" and "public safety". Organisers of demonstrations of more than 30 people will have to apply seven days in advance and receive police approval.

"The proposal constitutes a further deprivation of basic human rights now enjoyed in Hong Kong," Albert Ho, a Democratic Party legislator, said. Beijing's first aim, he said, was to outlaw his party and the Hong Kong Alliance in Support of the Patriotic Movement in China, a group that backs China's pro-democracy movement. The Democratic Party is the biggest political group in Hong Kong.

"The Democratic Party and the alliance will be targeted first. But I am afraid more international groups and local groups will be targeted afterwards," Mr Ho said.

The proposals come after a high-profile fundraising trip to the United States and Canada by Democratic Party legislators. The party raised more than £184,000 during the 18-day tour.

The ban on links abroad could also be used against organisations with affiliations to the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions and pressure groups. Amnesty International condemned the proposals as "retrogressive".

The changes to the Societies and Public Order Ordinances come in the wake of a resolution by China's parliament, the National People's Congress (NPC), that Hong Kong's liberal civil liberties laws could not be adopted into the territory's statutes after the handover. The proposals had been sketched by Tung Chee-hwa, the Chief Executive designate, with China's backing.

An official of the incoming government issued a warning that the territory's long-running stability and prosperity made it "easy to forget that being a small and open economy, Hong Kong is extremely vulnerable to external forces". Links with Taiwan would also be banned if the law were introduced unaltered.

Emily Lau, a pro-democracy legislator, condemned proposals to force organisations to seek police approval for demonstrations and feared the laws could prevent people airing grievances on government policy. "Tung is talking about striking the right balance, but many Hong Kong people would argue that we already have the right balance."

Chris Patten, the Governor, last night challenged his post-handover successor to assert Hong Kong's right to autonomy and not bow to pressure from China. "The NPC is an important body but the NPC is not Moses bringing the tablets down from the top of the mountain," Mr Patten said.

Tung: accused of bowing to pressure from Beijing

RAFIQUR RAHMAN / REUTER

Students leave their classes at Dhaka University yesterday to rejoice at Bangladesh's semi-final victory in the ICC tournament in Kuala Lumpur

# One killed as cricket fans mark victory

**From Reuter in Dhaka**

AT LEAST one man was killed in violence set off by Bangladeshi cricket fans celebrating the national team's semi-final win over Scotland yesterday in the International Cricket Conference's tournament in Malaysia.

Police said the unidentified man was fatally stabbed after he sprayed coloured water on passers-by in the Farmgate area of Dhaka.

More than 100 people were injured after a series of firecracker explosions and clashes between revellers and protesters in Dhaka and the port city of Chittagong, police said. At least 170 "mad fans" were arrested in Dhaka alone. Witnesses said that girls caught up in the celebrations had to fend off enthusiastic boys chasing them.

"It's the biggest celebration since independence in 1971," said a journalist in the southern town of Khulna.

The final is on Saturday.

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# Japanese nuclear site raided after cover-up

**From Robert Whymant in Tokyo**

GOVERNMENT investigators yesterday raided a nuclear fuel reprocessing company after it emerged that officials had concealed the truth about Japan's worst nuclear accident.

The raid was ordered by Ryutaro Hashimoto, the Prime Minister, infuriated that the state-run Power Reactor and Nuclear Fuel Development Corporation, or Donen, had instigated a cover-up for the second time in 18 months.

"I am so angry," the visibly irritated Prime Minister said. "I don't want to hear the word Donen. We will get outside consultants to conduct a full investigation."

Officials of Donen, which manages the reprocessing of nuclear fuel, have admitted that they falsified a report about a fire and explosion on March 11 at the Tokaimura nuclear complex, 100 miles northeast of Tokyo. Thirty-seven workers were exposed to radiation in the accident, which occurred in a bituminisation plant where low-level nuclear waste is mixed with asphalt for storage in drums.

The official Donen report, on March 21, said staff at the plant visually confirmed that the fire had been extinguished. Nine hours later the blaze flared up again, causing an explosion that leaked radiation into the atmosphere.

Yesterday Donen executives admitted that nobody had confirmed that the fire had been put out. "We knew it was untrue, but we thought it impossible to change the report once it was made official," Osamu Yamamura, head of the Tokaimura plant, said. "This incident filled me with shame." The Tokaimura plant has been closed indefinitely.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Iraq breaks ban to fly pilgrims

**Nicosia:** Iraq violated a seven-year-old United Nations air embargo for the first time yesterday when it allowed a plane carrying 104 pilgrims to Mecca to fly to Saudi Arabia (Michael Theodoulou writes). The kingdom feels duty-bound to welcome all pilgrims, although it backed the embargo.

### Poorest region

**Islamabad:** South Asia is the poorest and most illiterate region in the world, yet its governments use scarce resources to buy weapons instead of alleviating poverty, a UN report says. *(AP)*

### Vietnam bomb

**Hanoi:** A cluster bomb left over from the Vietnam War, which ended in 1975, killed seven children and injured 34 when it exploded as they left school in the northern province of Nghe An. *(AFP)*

### Nigeria 'lawless'

**Geneva:** UN rights investigators said Nigeria's rule of law was near collapse and urged the Government to halt extra-judicial killings and arbitrary arrests, and to free political prisoners. *(Reuter)*

### Coining it in

**New York:** An 1804 silver dollar, one of only 15 known to exist, has sold at auction for a record $1.8 million (£1.1 million). The coin was owned by Louis E. Eliasberg, a financier who died in 1976. *(AP)*

### Dying for help

**Beijing:** A shepherd who found a protected snow leopard killing his flock left it for six days. By the time help arrived in Taxkorgan, Xinjiang province, 20 sheep had been eaten. *(AFP)*

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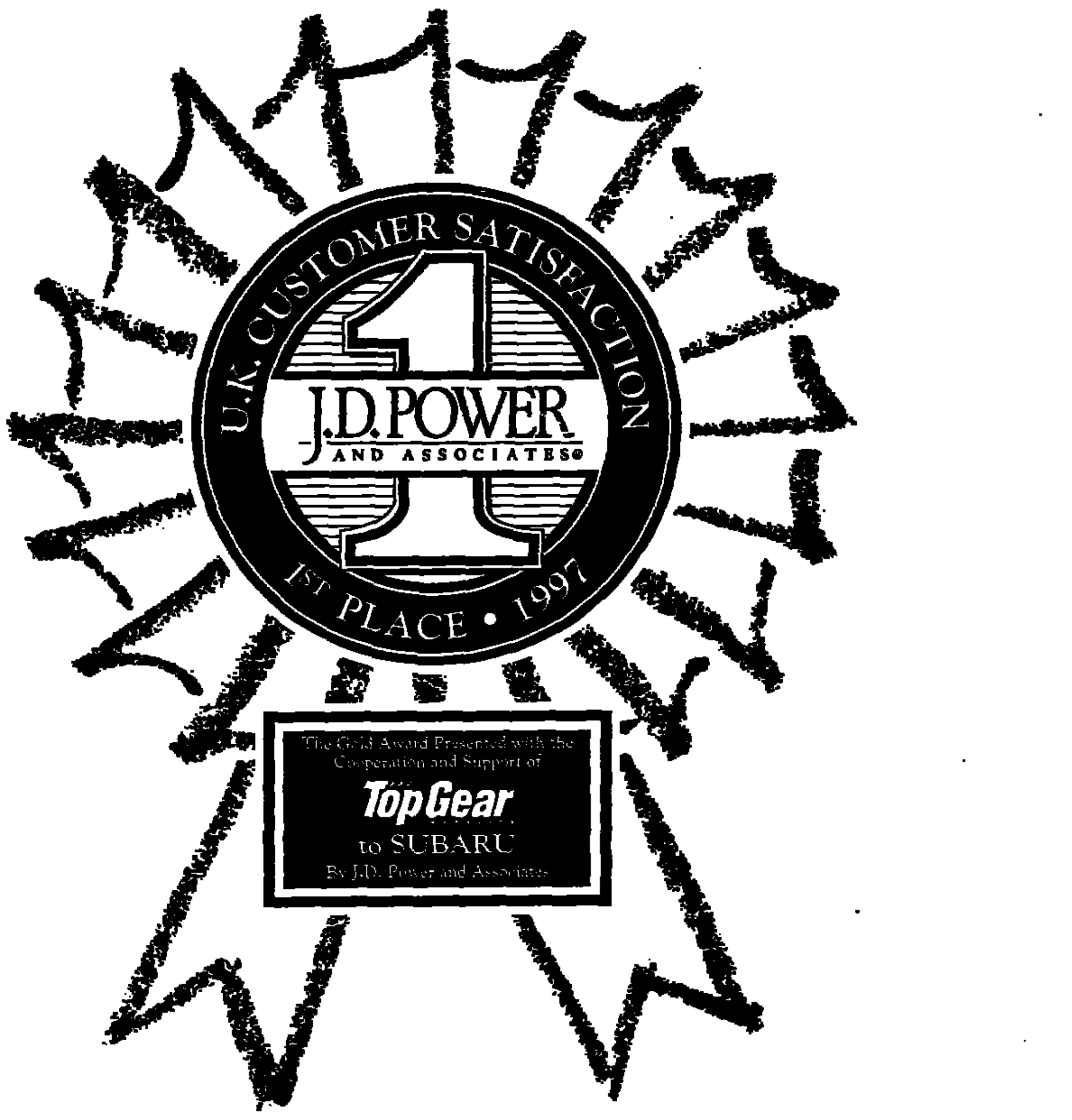
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**Dr Thomas Stuttaford** on support for cancer patients; treatment for loose teeth that acts like rooting powder in the garden; the side-effects of an epilepsy drug; taking temperatures through the ear

# Advice on cancer is just a call away

Despite improvements in the treatment of cancer of the ovary, and the partial protection against this disease provided by taking the Pill, the number of deaths from it has doubled since 1941. Fatal cases now outnumber the combined totals of cancer of the cervix (neck) and the body of the uterus combined.

The causes of cancer of the ovary are unknown but they are more common in those whose ovulation has not been suppressed by pregnancies or the Pill. The longer a woman ovulates, the slightly greater is the risk of cancer of the ovary. The incidence is increased if periods start early or the menopause is late.

*Family history* of cancer of the ovary, breast or endometrium (lining of the womb) accounts for one per cent of patients who develop ovarian cancer. If a woman has two close relatives with cancer of the ovary, she has a 40 per cent chance of developing it, too. This cancer is most common between the ages of 45-70, but 50 per cent of those with a family history develop it before they are 50.

The late Dr Vicky Clement-Jones and Susan Daniel, an opera singer, are exceptions to the rule as they were among the 3 per cent of patients who have cancer of the ovary diagnosed while they are under the age of 35.

Dr Clement-Jones already had a double first from Cambridge when she went to St Bartholomew's Hospital, London, for clinical training. She was a senior registrar in the department of endochrinology at Bart's, and strongly tipped for an early professorship, when cancer was diagnosed. The tumour was well established when found but, despite this, she had two trouble-free years. Cancer of the ovary is insidious and is usually detected only when it is large enough to cause abdominal pain and distension and after screening with ultrasound. The detection of chemical markers in the blood are being developed.

When the cancer returned, Dr Clement-Jones realised that she no longer wanted to follow the traditional academic path. The cancer had provided her with a new goal. As a patient, she had discovered that the amount of advice provided by even the most helpful doctors and nurses was inadequate to answer all the questions that cancer patients want to ask. Many worries struck patients only after they had returned home from a visit to the clinic and the anxiety would remain until their next appointment.

Backup counsellors try to allay patients' fears

Dr Clement-Jones decided to start an organisation which would supplement the support provided by doctors. The organisation, Backup, was to be staffed by full-time nurses who had specialised in the treatment of cancer, and they would reply by telephone or letter to patients' queries.

The nurses had access to 200 doctors who were skilled in treating cancer and were prepared to spend time with them discussing the problems of any particular patient. The third arm of the organisation was to provide counsellors who would be prepared to give long consultations if necessary to relieve a patient's fears. Backup, which is supported almost entirely by voluntary donations, now flourishes.

In Dr Clement-Jones's last few months of life, she met Susan Daniel, who had recovered from cancer of the ovary in 1970 only later to develop a tumour of the endometrium. Susan was first alerted to the ovarian cancer when she began to develop lower abdominal pain and noticed that her girth was increasing. By the time of surgery her waistband was 54 in and when the surgeon removed both ovaries, which were cancerous, he drained away 14 pints of fluid. Susan's recovery was uneventful but in 1984 she was found to have an endometrial tumour. (There is a link between cancer of the ovary and of the endometrium.)

Once again Susan has made a complete recovery and is unlikely to have any further trouble. When she met Dr Clement-Jones she promised that she would do all she could to repay the help she had received from Backup.

Christie's, the auctioneers, is supporting Backup by subsidising a charity recital in its aid, which will be given in its Great Rooms in St James's. Susan will honour her commitment to Dr Clement-Jones by singing at the recital on April 21

Each year Backup advises more than 100,000 people who have used its freephone helpline (0800 181199), which is open from 9.00am to 7.00pm Monday to Friday.

● *Tickets* (£50) *for the Backup recital on April 21 may be obtained from Backup, 3 Bath Place, Rivington St, London EC2A 3JR (0171-696-9003).*

Susan Daniel is so grateful for the help she received from Backup that she is performing at the organisation's charity recital

## Epilepsy drug warning

MORE than 800,000 patients have been treated for epilepsy with Lamotrigine Lamictal. It has a broad spectrum of action, and is effective for a wide variety of seizures.

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However, no drug is without side-effects and although Lamictal largely voids the problem of excessive tiredness experienced by those taking older treatments, it has its own particular side-effects, which were highlighted in press reports last week.

Monitoring of these effects has shown that the incidence of serious skin reactions is more common than had been thought, although the increase applies only when the drug is used in the treatment of children under 12.

In young children the numbers at risk from severe skin troubles may be between one in 100 and one in 300. The estimated risk for adults remains unchanged at one in 1,000. The treatment is particularly likely to cause trouble when combined with other drugs as an "add-on" preparation, or when the doctor has recommended that an above normal sized dose is used.

## Lend me your ear . . .

IT can be difficult to take the temperature of a young child, the very old or those who are delirious, comatose or unconscious. In these groups an accurate reading can be made only by inserting the thermometer into the rectum; underarm temperatures are unreliable, and suggesting that a child, or a demented adult, might put a thermometer under the tongue causes obvious problems.

But however useful rectal temperature taking is, it does raise the question as to whether E coli 157 bacteria, or anything else which might contaminate the instrument, are really killed by dipping it into metholated spirits.

Braun has now produced a battery operated instant electrical thermometer, the Thermo Scan, for household use.

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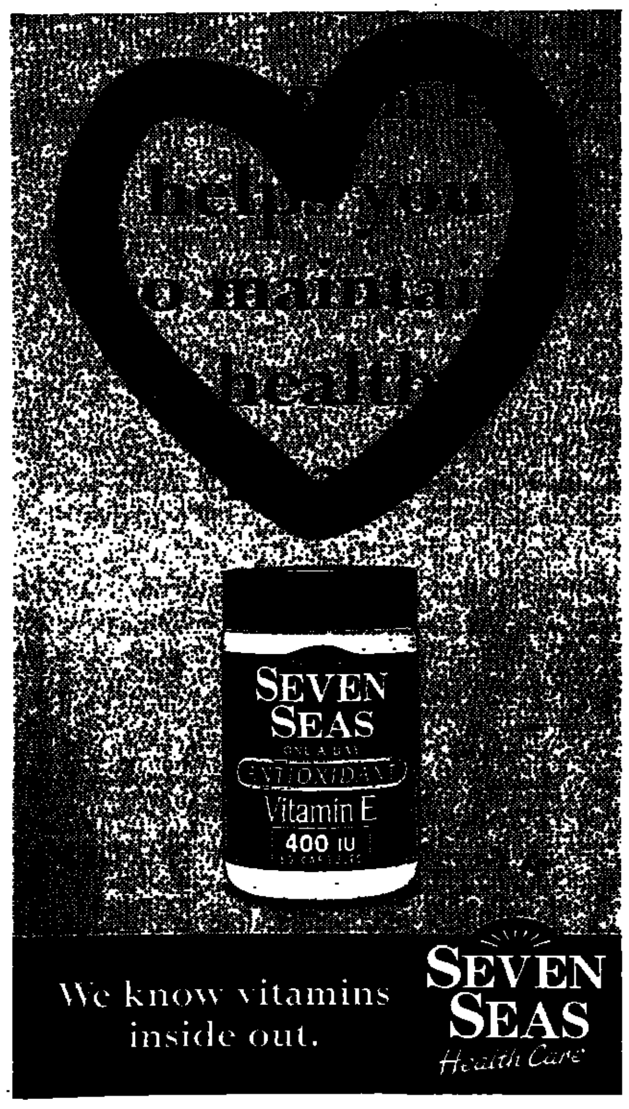
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## The root of the problem

A new dental treatment is being introduced from Sweden which promises to to perform the same function for dentists treating teeth loosened by old age or gum disease as rooting powder does for the gardner when he dips the end of a cutting into it before planting. Emdogain, is a protein which stimulates the same process which binds the teeth of babies to the jaw.

The shape of the lower jaw is changing. *The strong firm lines of the hero in a* Bulldog Drummond film are less common in this generation than in the last and progressively, as the years pass, jaws are now being developed which would better suit characters from P.G. Wodehouse. It is to be expected that being a chinless wonder limits sex appeal, but less obviously it also has an affect on the health of the teeth and gums.

Although jaws are becoming lighter and more delicate the teeth seem as strong and large, possibly even larger, than previously. The mouth is therefore overcrowded and one of the casualties of this are the wisdom teeth.

The high incidence of impacted wisdom teeth in the present generation which need treatment is, according to research work from the celebrated Karolinska Institute at the University of Stockholm, part of the evidence that the strength of the jaw is changing. The impaction of the wisdom teeth is frequently the start of a persistently infected gum in late adolescence and early adult life.

However powerful the jaw is in youth, in old age it suffers from osteoporosis just as much as other bones, and as it does so, *the jawbone shrinks* away from the teeth. As the jawbone shrinks gaps appear around the teeth and into these pockets epithelium grows, food collects and a chronic infective state is induced. *The bleeding soggy gums* increase the looseness of the tooth which in time may fall out, thereby confirming Shakespeare's description in *As You Like It* of old age as being *sans* teeth, sans eyes, *sans* taste and *sans* everything.

Dentists have traditionally seen the infected gum with pockets forming around the tooth as the primary cause of loose teeth and have recommened a variety of remedial measures. Many doctors on the other hand think of the diseased gum as a secondary sympton of underlying bone loss, or malformation, and regard it as the fundamental cause of the infection, and hence the insecure teeth.

Emdogain the protein which stimulates tooth detachment, has been prepared from animal, but not bovine, sources. The application of Emdogain to the roots results in regeneration of all the tissues around the tooth root. The accellular cementum, the covering of the tooth root is given new life and collagen fibres thereafter extend from it into the newly regenerated bone around the *tooth socket. The process once again* makes tooth fast within the jawbone.

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Not all gum disease has its origins in osteoporosis, or overcrowded wisdom teeth in feeble jaws. A lack of dental hygiene in youth, whether its inadequate cleaning or failure to have fillings done on time by the dentist, accounts for a significant proportion of cases.

Some drugs will also cause gum hyperplasia which makes them soggy. One new hypotensive drug, a calcium-channel blocker used to treat high blood pressure, also induces soft spongy receeding gums, which are vulnerable to infection.

Babies use Emdogain for binding

## More help is on the way for migraine sufferers

THE competition between pharmaceutical firms to treat the six million British people who have migraine is hotting up.

Recently a nasal spray preparation of Imigran, which acts more quickly than tablets, has been introduced by Glaxo. This week Zeneca, previously ICI, has launched Zomig zolmitriptan tablets.

*Zeneca claims that Zomig is* affective if taken at any time during a migraine attack and that as well as relieving headache it usually rids the patients of other symptoms, such as nausea, vomiting and visual disturbances.

As with Imigran, it can cause tightness in the chest and throat, but there is no evidence that this is cardiac pain. Even so, it is not recommended for those with coronary heart disease, or in patients with some forms of arrhythmia.

It is rumoured that before the end of the year there will be two or three other anti-migraine products available on prescription by their doctors for patients.

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# Why football is about to score an own goal

Football has changed from tribal bonding on the terraces to just another million-pound 'leisure' industry — but only at the top. **Jason Cowley** reports

Once the poor relation of European football, the English game is clearly wealthier than at any time in its history. The Sky television millions, the merchandising sales bonanza, Euro 96, increased gate receipts, *Fever Pitch*, *Fantasy Football League*, Gazza's tears — all have helped to create a climate in which the stock market value of quoted football clubs has quadrupled to £2.5 billion in less than ten months.

Manchester United, the financial powerhouse of the FA Carling Premiership, this week reaffirmed why so many of its rivals are considering a public flotation by announcing six-month profits up by 42.5 per cent to almost £19.5 million — a figure greater than the annual turnover of all but four English clubs. Since floating in 1991, United's shares have risen steadily from the issue price of 77p to their current value of about 645p, a period in which it has inspired a remarkable transformation of the English game.

DAVE KENDALL

Sir John Hall, left, Newcastle chairman, and the £15-million Alan Shearer

Consider the wages being demanded by the German striker Jürgen Klinsmann and you get a sense of how radically football has altered since the leading clubs broke away from the old Football League to form the FA Premier League in 1992. The canny Klinsmann is thought to want a basic salary of £50,000 per week, plus his own helicopter, if he is to return to the FA Carling Premiership after two years with Bayern Munich.

In the inflated, looking-glass world of English football, what disturbs most about Klinsmann's demands is that no one seems to find them disturbing. Most of the leading players earn considerably more than £1 million a year before bonuses and endorsements — a fact not lost on Pierre van Hooijdonk, the Dutch international who earlier this year rejected Celtic's offer of a new contract worth £7,000 a week thus: "That might be good enough for the homeless, but it is certainly not enough for a top international striker." As Manchester United's manager, Alex Ferguson, says: "For most Premiership players, a year's pay is like a pools' win and for the top men it's just about a lottery win, too."

Wage inflation is one of the consequences that followed the introduction of all-seat stadiums and the foundation of the Premier League. Another, of course, is the number of clubs that have floated or are considering floating on the stock market as they seek literally to capitalise on the soccer boom — a trend that disillusions those supporters more comfortable with the game's traditionally macho milieu of banked terraces and tribal bonding.

Newcastle United last week became the sixteenth club to be listed. The issue for the club, which last summer shattered the world record for a transfer by paying Blackburn Rovers £15 million for Alan Shearer, was resoundingly oversubscribed, prompting one wag to remark that football clubs are doing more than Margaret Thatcher ever did to promote a shareholding democracy. In truth, it was institutional investors who bought up most of the shares, repeating the pattern at other clubs. Proceeds from the float will be used to reduce debt, settle transfer fees and lay the foundation for a move to a new stadium.

Despite a poor profits record and a deficit on transfers of £40 million over the past four years, Newcastle still achieved a market value of £193 million, putting the club in second spot in the stock market's football share line-up behind Manchester United, currently worth about £418 million.

Progressive club chairmen, such as Martin Edwards at Manchester United, and Alan Sugar at Tottenham Hotspur, view their clubs as "leisure businesses" and talk of the potential of diversification and "building the brand image". Hardly the argot of the terraces.

Not surprisingly, there is deep unease among some fans. Henry Sheen, of the Spurs Supporters' Club, says: "Many fans feel that Sugar and his board are not football men, they don't love the game like the old-style hobbyist-chairmen. Rather, their decisions are taken in the interests of the shareholder, not the team. That is why we are doing well in the eyes of the City but struggling on the pitch. We've sold our soul to the accountants."

For his part, Sugar is scornful of wanton profligacy and of clubs offering outlandish salaries to the likes of Klinsmann, with whom he fell out after the German failed to honour his contract with Tottenham. "Football at the moment is fashionable, but institutions need to look deeply into some of these clubs," he says. "There's a lot of hype going on at the moment. There will be disasters and disappointments. The clubs with the right approach will shine through ... There is no room for anyone who thinks they can come along and make a quick buck."

Paul Wedge, a football analyst with the brokers Collins Stewart, agrees. He predicts that more clubs will seek a public quotation in the mistaken belief that the arrival of digital and pay-per-view television will continue to drive up profits. "My feeling, though, is that there is only a limited appetite for this type of stock. There is too much risk involved; if a club is relegated from the Premier League, millions can be wiped off the share price.

"Success is measured by getting into the Premiership and staying there. So small clubs like West Ham and Coventry are spending millions on transfers to avoid relegation, and first division clubs like Wolves are spending millions to win promotion. As a result, wage bills are rising. That frantic quest for instant success cannot be sustained, especially as pay-per-view will benefit only the top five or six teams."

Mark Palios, a former professional footballer and now a partner specialising in football club management at the accountants Coopers & Lybrand, estimates that the sector is overvalued by up to £1 billion. Indications suggest that the City may be coming round to that view: Sunderland and Queens Park Rangers, for instance, floated at the end of 1996, but their shares are already valued at less than the issue price; Charlton Athletic, which went public last month, has seen a 25 per cent drop in its market value.

Millwall, which raised £5 million from a flotation in 1989, has fared even worse and is now in the hands of the receivers. The south London club's flotation coincided with promotion to the old first division and was used to fund a new stadium and the purchase of a chain of pubs and clubs. "The trouble was," says Carl Prosser, co-editor of the club's fanzine *The Lion Roars*, "we got relegated in the following season and never recovered. The new stadium was supposed to be used as a venue for rock concerts and other sporting events, but only one event has ever been held there and that was a failure.

"The decision to buy the Tavern Leisure chain also lost the club a lot of money. We have had to sell our best players so that the club could pay its debts. We are now struggling in the second division. The whole saga has been a catalogue of mismanagement and overambition."

Prosser's may be a forlorn voice raised in protest against modern cant, but his anxieties chime with many fans of small clubs. Certainly, if you look beyond the frenzied hyperbole of the Premiership, the sense of decline is palpable. A sad twilight is settling on the lower divisions. Later this month, the accountants Deloitte & Touche will deliver a report, commissioned by the Football League, showing that as many as 25 clubs are on the edge of bankruptcy.

"The situation is very grave," agrees David Dent, secretary of the Football League. "Not enough money is circulating down to the lower leagues, especially as many Premiership clubs are looking overseas for players. For football to remain vibrant and for young players to come through, you must have strength outside the top division. I fear for the future."

And he is right to do so. For the age of paternalism has gone. If the big city clubs are not preoccupied preparing prospectuses, they are dreaming of the putative European super league that shimmers before them like a pot of gold. With such boundless opportunity ahead, the travails of the small clubs are little more than a minor irritant.

Perhaps, as Roy Hattersley and others suggest, football has changed so radically that the time has come for the game to find a new name in line with a more plutocratic age. Any advance on New Football?

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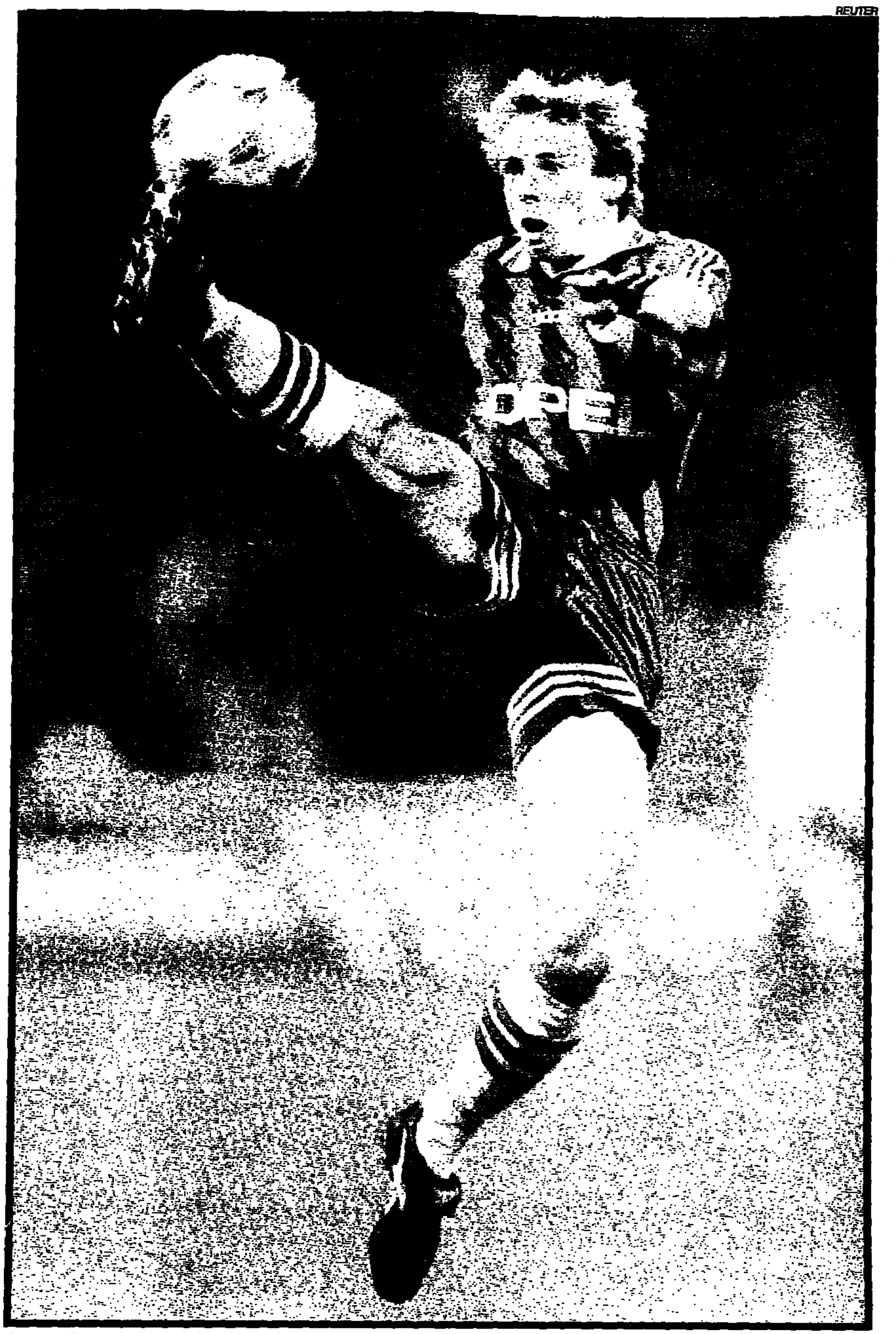
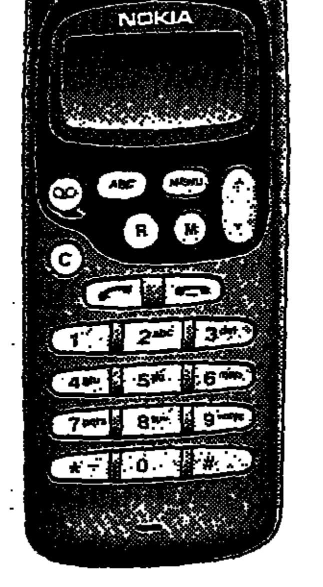


Jürgen Klinsmann is thought to want a basic salary of £50,000 per week, plus his own helicopter, to return to the Premiership



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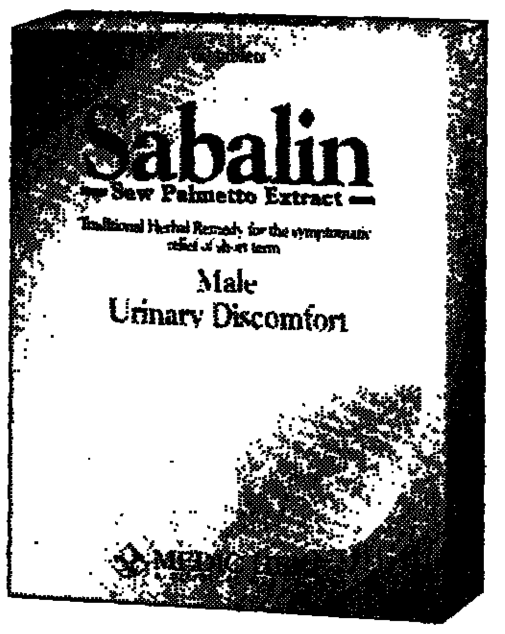

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# Morals are made in the classroom

## George Carey says the debate about values must now move on

Trust has suddenly become a significant electoral word — and properly so. Behind it stands a vocabulary of moral terms that enrich the notion of trust: honesty, goodness, reliability, faithfulness and honour. This is a vocabulary to be claimed not only by politicians but by all of us. As the Chief Rabbi has put it, you cannot express yourself as a moral and spiritual person if you do not have a spiritual or moral language.

Yet our society has become morally reticent, even inarticulate. The main culprit is the popular cultural assumption that to try to define something as good and right in an absolute sense is an unwarranted and potentially oppressive incursion into a domain which should be purely private. According to this view, what is right is simply a matter of individual opinion.

Yet most of us recognise that no society can survive for long unless it is held together by standards that transcend the individual. Values and morals are social, not merely individual. They need careful nurture and a continuous process of modelling, discussion and internalisation across the generations. And, without values such as trust, honesty, consideration for other people, love of justice and peace, there can be no individual liberty, because there can be no orderly society within which individuals can grow and express themselves in interdependence with others. If the citizens of a country do not internalise the responsibility to behave fairly and peacefully towards other people, there is no external power on earth that can secure peace and justice. And in my experience, the vast majority of people, even if they articulate the cultural assumption that morality is a purely private affair, actually have strong beliefs about some things that are absolutely good and others that are absolutely evil.

Here, let me make an important distinction. As a society we do not agree on one single source of authority which legitimises the values we hold in common. But this is a fundamentally different proposition from saying that we have no shared values any more.

We have seen recently in the Schools Curriculum and Assessment Authority's report, and the ensuing discussion, that it is possible and normal to have different views of authority and of particular ethical questions and yet to have strong shared values which we can build on together for the good of all.

I understand that from the large and heterogenous group responding to the authority's forum, and much to the surprise of some of those attending, a substantial consensus emerged about a whole series of values. I do not agree that these values are bland or uninteresting, although they need illustration, dramatisation and human modelling to bring them to life. The values relate to the healthy functioning of society, our relationships with other people, our understanding and development of ourselves as individuals and our approach to the environment and future generations.

The final report from SCAA's National Forum should be a significant item for an incoming government. It is important to be clear about what the report claims to be. It seeks to *describe* what the shared values of a wide cross-section of society are. That is different from saying what they *should* be. As a Christian leader, for example, I know of plenty of additional Christian teachings which I would wish to add and which no doubt Church schools will add.

It would be wrong to burden schools with unrealistic expectations of what they can achieve by themselves. Already, in general, schools are very moral places by comparison with most aspects of society outside the school gate. Nevertheless, because there are many pressures to make education more utilitarian, we need to insist on a rounded concept of education, as set out in the 1988 Education Act. We want people who leave school to be good citizens and good neighbours, not just stuffed heads and effective contributors to the economy.

> The time has come to stop arguing about words

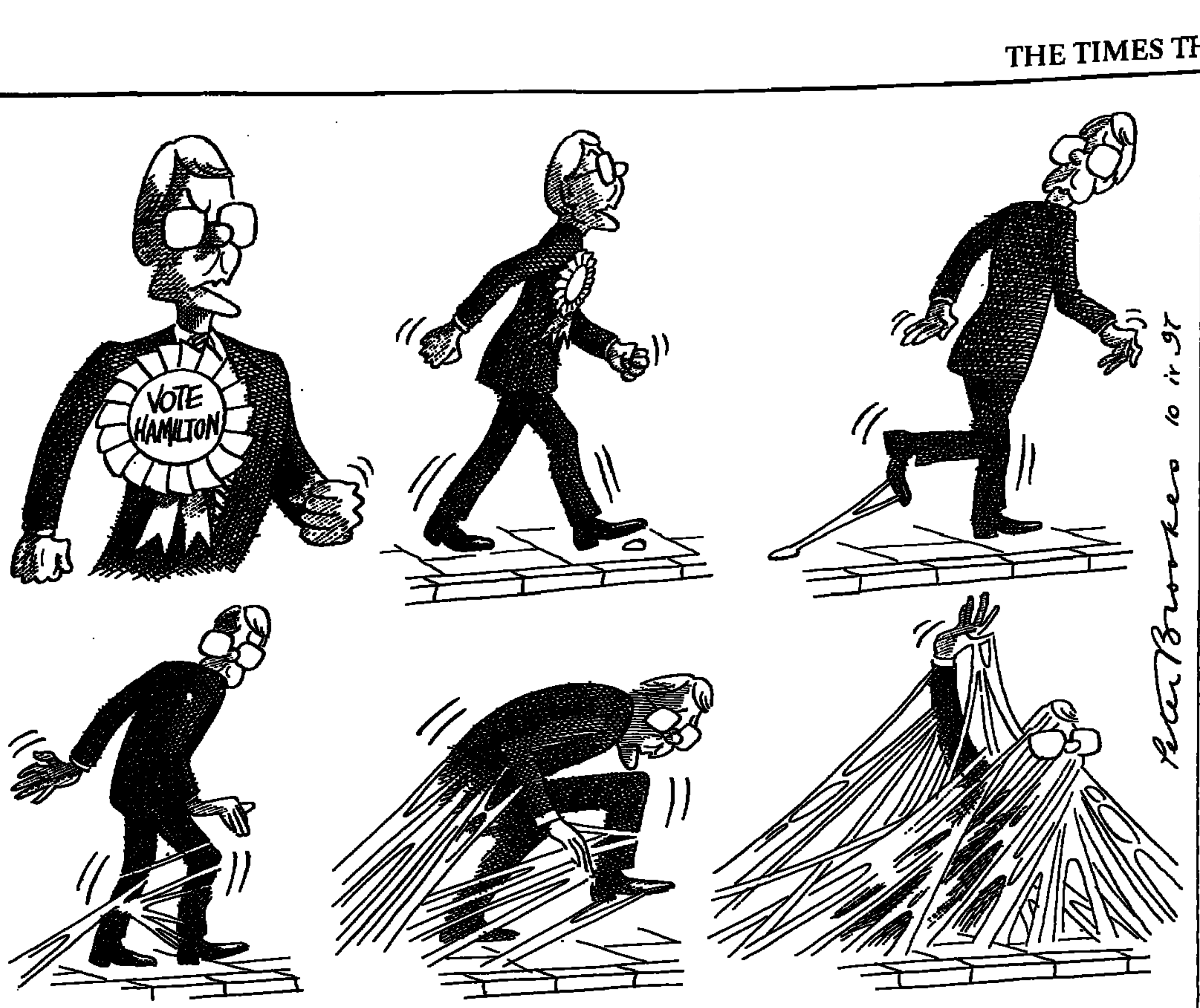
I am wary about discussing any one subject as a symbolic totem. I am, however, aware of controversy about the treatment of marriage in the report. The document says that we should support families in raising children and caring for dependants; we should support the institution of marriage; and we should recognise that the love and commitment required for a secure and happy childhood can also be found in families of different kinds.

I and many others would no doubt want to make additional and stronger points if we were setting out our own full beliefs, but I have no difficulty in accepting the statement of the forum as a consensus that exists now.

The specific mention of support for the institution of marriage can be translated into a great deal of new thinking and classroom work about marriage: why it is important, what it needs in order to flourish and what people entering marriage need to think about. I believe that the time has come to stop arguing about particular words in the statement and to move on to the vital task of considering what the implications of the words are for the curriculum, activities and ethos of schools.

I want to emphasise that the development of such a considerable consensus on shared values is a major step forward in empowering schools. We need these values to be transmitted confidently and positively. In a society disfigured by widespread moral confusion and false theories of privatised morality, that is a most significant prize.

*The Archbishop of Canterbury will speak on values and the curriculum at the London Institute of Education today.*



# Who's colonising whom?

## Hong Kong could tip the balance in favour of China's modernisers

### William Rees-Mogg

The moment of history is approaching in Hong Kong. In 81 days the term of British government will be over, and the territory, with its six million people, will be handed over to China. Whoever deserves the credit, and Britain deserves much of it, modern Hong Kong is a staggering achievement, one of the four or five great financial centres of the world, a small island which has developed an economy approximately the size of Switzerland's, greater wealth per head than Germany or Japan, the last and most successful of Britain's colonies. In 50 years, since India won independence, the British Empire has been wound up; nowhere does the balance sheet of the imperial experience look more favourable than in Hong Kong. No other city on earth is comparable, except New York, and New York itself was also once a prosperous trading city of the British Empire.

There is no reason for the British not to feel proud of their Hong Kong achievement. The people who have created the modern Hong Kong are indeed the Chinese who live there; they are remarkably energetic, intelligent and resilient; they have worked inside the framework of British law and government. The Hong Kong Chinese are proud that the "unequal treaty" which gave Britain Hong Kong has been rewritten, but they naturally feel anxiety about what is to come next. Hong Kong is a free society, by some measurements one of the world's two or three freest. Whatever mainland China is, it is far from that. The people of Hong Kong know that they will be somewhat less free under Chinese rule. They fear that they may be much less free.

Their mood is one of economic confidence but political anxiety. The women are more worried than the men; they are less involved in business, and they know that China is still all too much a male chauvinist culture. The business leaders are the most confident. They believe that they will be able to handle the Chinese. The Chief Executive designate, Tung Chu-hwa, is from their number, and they trust him. The ordinary people of Hong Kong are less certain; they do not have the capacity of the businessmen to deal with the new power; they do not have the passport or the funds overseas either. When one thinks of the future of Hong Kong, one needs to think of the ordinary people, not just of the property billionaires. A billion dollars can usually look after itself.

The Governor, Chris Patten, is amazingly popular with the ordinary people, and pretty unpopular with most of the billionaires. The rich businessmen think that he ought to have done much more to conciliate China. Their assets have multiplied while he has been Governor, but the tycoons feel they might have been endangered. Recent opinion polls have shown that the ordinary people feel that the Governor has fought for them — his diplomatic critics dismiss that as "populism". A recent poll showed that the outgoing Governor Patten is more popular than the incoming Chief Executive Tung. A special survey taken as part of an academic study of the handover has shown that the outgoing government currently has a 71 per cent approval rating.

Last Sunday evening I was returning by cab from an informal dinner at Government House. The Chinese driver expressed his feeling of nostalgia at the ending of British rule in Hong Kong. "The golden time is past," he said. "He has been a good Governor. His government has been a good government, even when it has been wrong. The old government may have been more polite to China, but they never got anything done." The pity is that Britain left the Patten policy so late. For that earlier failure of political imagination, cooler and more élitist officials must take the responsibility.

It is probable that the economic optimism of Hong Kong will continue to be justified. The Chinese economy has been growing at a rate close to 10 per cent a year for the past 15 years. Since 1980 it has quadrupled in size, and it will probably quadruple again by about 2015, by which time China will have become one of the world's two economic superpowers. The next two decades will probably see a similar multiplication of the wealth of Hong Kong. Hong Kong's commercial and financial growth is not over; it will only slow down when China becomes a fully mature industrial economy. Even political problems are unlikely to interrupt this economic growth.

There will however be political problems in Hong Kong itself, apart from the much greater issues of the political development of China. The transfer of sovereignty will immediately reduce the existing freedoms. No fewer than 25 changes will be made to the four main pieces of legislation which cover the registration of societies, public order, human rights and subversion. The democratic parties are opposed to these amendments. There is a risk of demonstrations against the changes, but if people gather without a permit after July 1, they will be liable to be arrested. The people of Hong Kong want to extend democracy, but the Chinese Government wants to exercise political control.

The political development of China will decide the political future of Hong Kong. There is evidence in favour of an optimistic view. On Monday evening I was seated next to a young American woman who had spent the previous weekend in Beijing meeting Chinese students of her own age. She told me that she was surprised and delighted by their openness and friendliness towards the West. She said that they were very enthusiastic about the return of Hong Kong to China, because they saw Hong Kong as a powerful influence in the modernisation of their country.

Pro-Chinese politicians in Hong Kong make much the same case for optimism. They say that China is already being run at the executive level by young administrators and managers who have been trained either in the United States or by people who have themselves been educated there. This generation is content to let the older generation run its course, but it has its own model of modernisation. People talk of this process rather as one might feel about old and new Labour, with the younger Chinese waiting for the old men to retire so that they can privatise state industry, remove controls, reform the legal system, extend voting, open up information, and do all the things that a modern economy requires. The students of Tiananmen Square are now themselves in their early thirties, and have largely gone into private businesses. Among them are some of the "brightest and best" of young China.

The more pessimistic view is that the political future of China will follow a course rather like that of Indonesia, and that China will become an authoritarian regime, rather than totalitarian, based largely on the army and extensively corrupt. That would be bad for Hong Kong, and would undoubtedly reduce Hong Kong's attraction as an international centre. But it would be still worse for China, and the young generation in China knows that.

My own hope is that the influence of Hong Kong will tip the balance in favour of genuine political modernisation. Hong Kong has, after all, already become modern. The people of Hong Kong understand the relationship between political freedom and a modern economic society. Hong Kong already has its network of relationships with the coming generation in China, and could be the model for the necessary next stage of Chinese development.

Not only for China. The Hong Kong model, with its freedom and encouragement of business, has much to offer Britain and the rest of Europe. If the present decline of the European Union is to be reversed, Hong Kong is probably the best example of a successful modern society. Yet the modernisation of Europe is becoming almost as big an issue as the modernisation of China.

Of course Hong Kong is different from anywhere else, but the principles that have been so successful are the same everywhere, and where they have been applied they have worked. Low taxes, high savings, responsibility, good health and education services, but at low cost, with small government, light regulation, liberty and law, a constant attack on corruption, free markets and incentives to work — these are the Adam Smith virtues. The great hope is they will inspire China. At least one can say that the last British Governor of Hong Kong has been a loyal advocate of the Hong Kong principles.

# Mr W.S.'s election lie guide

## Magnus Linklater on how to catch the scurvy politicians

Here is a checklist for anyone still following the daily jousts between candidates and the media, as the politicians twist and turn to conceal their weaknesses and to vilify their opponents. Touchstone would instantly recognise the type. In *As You Like It*, he ticked them off to perfection: "I will name the degrees. The first, the Retort Courteous; the second, the Quip Modest; the third, the Reply Churlish; the fourth, the Reproof Valiant; the fifth the Countercheck Quarrelsome; the sixth the Lie with Circumstance; the seventh the Lie Direct. All these you may avoid, but the Lie Direct; and you may avoid that too, with an If."

They have all been on display. The Retort Courteous is the one given by the politician caught by a tricky question which attempts to pin him down on the cost of some measure. It involves referring the questioner to a previous answer, preferably buried in a document published some time ago and which may not quite address the point raised. By the time the document is located and the matter looked up, the moment will have passed. "We've got an independent consultant's report on that," said a Scottish Nationalist yesterday. "It was published 18 months ago and we're happy to distribute it to you." Whether it addressed the matter or not was never pursued. Even if it had been, I wonder whether we would have been any the wiser.

The Quip Modest is that tell-tale chuckle and the shake of the head which says, "Oh no, not that old chestnut, don't tell me you've been taken in by it again, when will you press chappies ever learn?" It is usually enough to get everyone else on the platform joining in disbelieving laughter as they search desperately for the answer. Michael Heseltine is the best practitioner, because that baffled shake of the tawny locks as he considers the naïvety of the question conceals the fact that what comes out in reply is more often political invective than a direct response.

The Reply Churlish turns a perfectly reasonable point back against the questioner, implying that some devious political motive renders the issue irrelevant. Robin Cook was up to it yesterday on Radio 4's phone-in when he twice rebuked a listener for asking whether new Labour might have a hidden left-wing programme. That, he pointed out, was a typically loaded question bearing all the hallmarks of a Tory plant. He never got round to addressing the point itself, but simply left the impression that those who had raised it were mere paid propagandists. I doubt if he won many votes, but he certainly avoided the question.

The Reproof Valiant indicates that the question posed reveals woeful ignorance. Michael Forsyth, the Scottish Secretary, who has a nice line in lopsided grins and teasing innuendo, used it on Tuesday when he was asked whether his proposal to increase the rates burden for large firms in order to reduce the bill for small businesses did not amount to a socialist measure. "It's very difficult to know what a socialist measure is these days," he sighed. This, however, was certainly not one. Since we had plainly failed to grasp the point, he spelt it out. The scheme was a "self-financing" measure which would not cost the taxpayer any more. So there was no question of redistributing wealth, since public funds were not involved. His audience, exposed as economically illiterate, was left to flounder as he moved briskly on.

Next, the Countercheck Quarrelsome. This is usually to be seen at Labour's press conferences when some hostile newspaper, usually *The Daily Telegraph*, comes up with an inconvenient question. "Ah, the brief from Central Office," Peter Mandelson will say, as he deflects the point. Or he will refer, even more insultingly, to "Mr Robert Stoogely" when that paper's political editor, Robert Shrimsley, has the temerity to raise his hand. This kind of pre-emptive move raises a doubt about the objectivity of the journalist and wins a laugh at the same time. And laughter is the most useful weapon in the hands of an experienced obfuscator.

The Lie with Circumstance and the Lie Direct are the most dangerous of the lot, if only because they can be, and sometimes are, exposed. They are to be used sparingly. The former can generally be spotted when the telltale phrase "if resources allow" is tacked on to an election promise. When asked whether this is not a way of dodging a commitment, the politican turns to his standard reply: "But you would not expect us to be so irresponsible as to promise something unless we were certain we could pay for it." Thus the promise remains, though it need not necessarily be fulfilled. The Lie Direct, of course, is used by every single politician who promises to hold taxes down and knows perfectly well that he will not. But he knows too that he is protected, by Touchstone's "If", which means — if elected, if things change, if forced by circumstance.

"I durst go no further than the Lie Circumstantial, nor he durst not give me the Lie Direct," says Touchstone; "and so we measured swords and parted."

# Crossroads

THE TIMES DIARY

LORD MENUHIN and the Duke of Westminster have notched up a momentous victory against traffic planners in London's Belgravia. They have persuaded Westminster Council to reconsider a plan to drive an arterial road through their back-gardens.

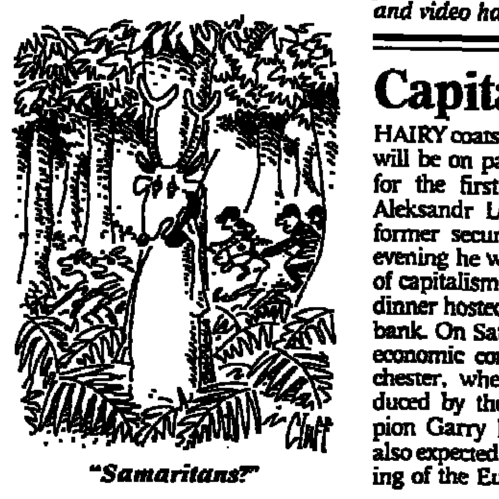
The two peers have for many months been leading a campaign on behalf of the best-heeled "Nimby" pressure group in the land, with members ranging from Lord Lloyd-Webber to Baroness Thatcher and Tiny Rowland.

Though hardly a bunch of Swampy-style subversives, they were moved to protest when the council endorsed a plan to turn a road running through those grand addresses Chester Square and Eaton Square into a "red route" — one of the main roads for traffic into and out of London.

On Tuesday night, however, the council capitulated and agreed to spend £90,000 investigating an alternative possibility, re-routing the traffic away from the stuccoed residences of the well-to-do, some of which have sold for more than £10 million.

The Belgravia Resident's Association is cracking open its vintage bubbly. "For the first time we have got a commitment out of Westminster Council," says Jonathan Scott-Barrett of the association. "Yehudi Menuhin has been passionate about the campaign. Everybody here will have a better quality of life."

● *Clare Short was sympathetic when she visited the East Leeds Women's Workshops yesterday. The workshops had all their computers stolen recently, replaced them, and then had them stolen again. Short knew how they felt. Last weekend she returned to her place in London to find her TV and video had been pinched.*



*"Samaritans?"*

## Capital

HAIRY coats and cigarette-holders will be on parade at the weekend for the first visit to London of Aleksandr Lebed, Russia's exotic former security chief. On Friday evening he will turn to the bosom of capitalism and attend a private dinner hosted by Robert Fleming's bank. On Saturday, he attends an economic conference at the Dorchester, where he will be introduced by the world chess champion Garry Kasparov. And he is also expected to show up at a meeting of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

Over at the Russian Embassy, the lugubrious press officer, Boris Malakhov, sounds unimpressed: "I'm sure he'll pop in, but it's nothing to do with us." Perhaps he should head up towards Tatton and stand as an Independent Bolshevik candidate.

Lebed: hairy

● *As stunts go, this could prove a chilly one: 25 women are planning to walk the Flora London Marathon wearing nothing but a Wonderbra above the waist. The bras have been custom-made to designs by well-known names such as Gary Lineker, the Spice Girls and Lennox Lewis. Richard Branson's contribution to the gimmick to raise funds for Breakthrough Breast Cancer, ranks as the most childish: a large hot air balloon attached to each cup.*

## Tall story

THERE is a nasty air in Hammersmith, where Tories have been putting it around that the Labour candidate, Ian Colman, is a sex industry heir. He is being described as a real Paul Raymond. "There is absolutely no truth in this whatsoever," says a flushed Colman. But did his father not make a fortune from the Ann Summers sex toy business? "He worked for them for a while ten or fifteen years ago, that's all. This whole story is a cheap smear."

## Girl talk

MARLENE DIETRICH'S family are upset by the musical about the singer which opened at the Lyric Theatre in London on Tuesday night. In *Marlene*, Sian Phillips puts in an impressive turn as the dewy-eyed *chanteuse*, while Lou Gish plays her female sidekick, Vivian Hoffman. In portraying this relationship, the show implies that Dietrich was more gander than goose behind closed doors.

Marlene: ripped off

Peter Riva, Dietrich's grandson, is disappointed. "They have to make something salacious to sell the tickets," he says from New York. He adds that the show is yet another commercial venture which "rips off my grandmother's original material. We get a little hacked off with it in the end."

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# ENDANGERED SPECIES

## Harrogate, Rochdale and a stronger Parliament

Separated by rather more than the Pennines, the constituencies of Harrogate and Rochdale would not seem to share much in common. The former is a grand and genteel Victorian spa venue more akin to Bath or Cheltenham than neighbouring Leeds and Bradford. The latter is a tough former textile town that came of age in the Industrial Revolution. But both have it within their power to endorse or dismiss two different and distinctive voices in British politics.

Over the remaining weeks *The Times* will seek to identify certain individual candidates who can make an unusual contribution to the next House of Commons. On the whole they will be dissident figures within their respective parties. While we may not necessarily agree with the views they propagate we do believe that what they stand for is important. Their election would benefit both constituency and country.

Norman Lamont and Liz Lynne are as different as the territory they are fighting. Mr Lamont has already been an MP for a quarter-century and held high office. Ms Lynne won her seat for the Liberal Democrats at the last election and is unlikely ever to serve as a frontbencher. Mr Lamont, whose Kingston seat was abolished by the boundary commissioners, faces a vigorous Liberal Democrat challenge. Ms Lynne, also a southerner, has the Labour Party breathing down her neck.

The most fundamental issue confronting the next Parliament is Europe. Its most obvious aspect is the introduction or not of a single currency. That is only part of a complicated picture. The whole character of the European Union, and Britain's relationship with it, will be determined by decisions made in the next five years. Mr Lamont was the first senior politician to suggest that present arrangements might be unsustainable. He has, braving criticism from above, been the most intelligent and articulate figure suggesting that fundamental renegotiation or outright withdrawal are options worthy of consideration.

Even if the Government is re-elected, events will ensure that this view becomes part of the mainstream agenda. If the Tories go into opposition it could well become an orthodoxy. It can be put either in a rational and considered fashion or as a narrow-minded nationalism. Mr Lamont's continued presence in the Commons would help steer the Conservative debate in the right direction. The people of Yorkshire have always been of independent character and have consistently fought to maintain the special character of their county. That same spirit should lead their sympathies and support towards the former Chancellor.

Liz Lynne is also an unusual politician. A former actress and speech consultant she was given little chance of retaining a seat that Cyril Smith had previously held by force of personal character. To universal surprise she proved blessed with the tenacious qualities of her predecessor. A non-conformist in every sense she fought a ceaseless campaign against socialism. She represents an earthy, almost extinct, urban Liberalism more concerned with bread-and-butter issues than constitutional innovation.

Ms Lynne has been a thorough nuisance to Paddy Ashdown. She declines to buckle to the comfortable consensus that now exists between Labour and the Liberal Democrats. She has constantly frustrated closer co-operation between them. If the likes of Lord Jenkins had their way, the Liberals would represent little more than the public sector middle class and proportional representation. That would not reflect much credit on the purported party of pluralism. Ms Lynne personifies a robust dissent that should be welcome at Westminster.

Parliament would benefit from the triumph of this odd couple. Their defeat would impoverish the quality of debate and strengthen the already excessive power of party managers. If present polls are right both of these candidates could prove electorally endangered species. The residents of Harrogate and Rochdale would serve the rest of us well if they extended them some protection.

# OUTRAGE IN SAO PAULO

## Bad news brings good news in Brazil

The revelatory pictures have been broadcast repeatedly by almost all Brazilian television stations: a group of São Paulo police officers set up a roadblock and extorted money from drivers using batons and guns. One man died after being shot. In another incident, military police lined up slum dwellers against a wall in Rio de Janeiro and kicked and beat them. According to a report just published by Human Rights Watch, such police brutality is common in Brazil, part of a pattern of systematic violence against slum dwellers, the poor and mixed race peasants.

The reaction to the broadcasts, however, has been far from common. Brazilians have been shamed and outraged. President Cardoso swiftly signed a decree establishing a human rights watchdog, and sanctioned a bill to make torture a crime for the first time. His Government is trying to persuade Brazil's Congress to allow military police to be tried in civilian courts in cases of abuse against civilians. Politicians increasingly acknowledge that the impunity enjoyed by most acts of police brutality is the main factor driving such abuse.

Only a few years ago there was little hope that Brazil would take any real measures to curb corruption, street violence and the murder of street children. But the country's recent political and economic turnaround has been remarkable. The most heartening thing is not only that practices tolerated for so long are now deemed unacceptable, but that President Cardoso seems committed to the wholesale reform of Brazil's creaking government machinery. He has set himself an ambitious agenda that includes measures to entrench democracy, narrow the gap between rich and poor, restructure the Civil Service and break the influence of political parties on appointments.

In Brazil two nations exist side by side: a rich, educated country with a dynamic economy, large market and growing political sophistication; and a third world country living in poverty and slums, with little or no social security network, meagre health and education provision, and a crude ethos of survival, often at the expense of the rural poor and indigenous peoples. When the two clash, in confrontations between the police and slum dwellers, or powerful landowners and peasants, Brazil is wrenched between its two worlds.

President Cardoso is determined to begin to reconcile these contradictions. The essential first steps — the promotion of a new, hard currency, stabilisation of the economy and conquest of inflation — have already been achieved. Now his Government has begun the process of privatisation, a task more complex than in many countries because of the huge state holdings in land, mines, and industry and the argument between the federal states and the central government over who should benefit from the proceeds. The reform of the Civil Service is also complicated by the need to change the interlinked relations between bureaucrats and the economy and bureaucrats and political patronage.

Change is not easy is a sprawling country where states are run as private fiefdoms. Boosting trade, land reform and protecting the rainforests must all be tackled. But the greatest challenge will be the promulgation of affordable social legislation, establishing a framework where the abuses shown this week will be far less frequent.

# MEMENTO MORI

## Why human death should provoke dignity in art

The creative mind is drawn to death as the river is to the sea: energy is fascinated by extinction. From the gruesome depictions of dismembered battlefield corpses carved on the temples of Upper Egypt to the depictions of carrion preying on cadavers in Assyrian art, from the ubiquitous skulls of 17th-century Flemish vanitas canvases right up to the formaldehyde inventiveness of Damien Hirst, death has been, even in the artists' Arcadia, a brooding presence.

Yet, although the lifeless body has been a constant subject, it has never been treated before with quite the directness of the London sculptor Anthony-Noel Kelly. Mr Kelly is helping police with their inquiries after parts of 30 corpses were found in his studio. Technically he may have have done little more than form a cast from cadavers. Aesthetically, his work does not display the deliberate grappling with a difficult medium: he in many ways resembles a macabre Monsieur Tussaud. But the real difficulty with his work is neither necessarily necessarily legal nor aesthetic but moral.

Artists occasionally jib at the constraints of bourgeois morality. Frequently they are right. But those who set out deliberately to offend against mankind's deepest taboos are tapping at the door of decadence.

A similar spirit was in fashion at the *fin* of the last *siècle* when Baudelaire, Beardsley, Huysmans and Wilde nudged several taboos out of the closet, looking to celebrate death and the body in morbid fashion. Their work, from the *Fleurs du Mal* to *Salome*, elegantly blurs the line between the erotic and the elegiac. They try to turn Marvell on his head and make the grave a fine and private place where some, they fancy, might embrace.

Now as this century nears its end there is another "culture of death" abroad. The stark phrase is the Pope's coinage, but his insight is not just for the orthodox. From the attempts to market video recordings of judicial executions to the suspended carcasses of Damien Hirst, a fascination with death now permeates culture, popular and high. The decline of religious belief has made it easier to trespass on past taboos. The human body, robbed of the dignity which is its due as the home of the soul fashioned in God's image, can now be subjected to a series of other indignities by contemporary artists.

Anthony-Noel Kelly's work is one of the most grotesque developments of this trend. The natural revulsion the public will feel is a wise prejudice, acknowledgment that those who treat the bodies of the recently deceased as though they were canvas and oils or a butcher's offcuts are reducing reverence for the human.

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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## Negotiations on the TV debate

*From Mr Michael Dobbs*

Sir, In last night's *Panorama* broadcast, Mr Blair said of the negotiations for a television debate that "what happened in those negotiations were (*sic*) that the moment it looked as if the negotiations were about to succeed, they [the Conservatives] pulled out."

It was the Labour Party alone which pulled out of negotiations. The *Guardian* headline of March 28 said: "Labour halts TV debate". *The Sun* on the same day said: "Labour call off debate". Austin Mitchell, one of Mr Blair's own MPs, described him in *The Sunday Times* of March 30 as engaging in "a quick crawl backwards".

The events of the afternoon of Labour's withdrawal are instructive, and cut through Mr Blair's mischievous and inaccurate nonsense.

On March 27 ITV sent all three parties a fax which stated that it was confident that its proposal "represents the basis for a very successful and compelling series of two 90-minute programmes". It offered further elaboration on its proposal, emphasising that these were "suggestions which we believe could bring the negotiations to a speedier conclusion". Yet within four hours of receiving ITV's written proposal, Labour had walked away from the table.

No one in the Labour Party has yet been able to explain clearly why. Labour suggests there is a problem over audience participation — but ITV's proposal includes audience participation. Labour also suggests that the proposals might be challenged in court — but the broadcasters submitted their proposals only after they had received clear legal opinion that they would withstand a challenge in court.

The broadcasters, who are politically neutral, believe their proposals to be both lawful and fair. Why doesn't Mr Blair?

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL DOBBS,
Conservative Central Office,
32 Smith Square, SW1.
April 8.

## 'Best deal' for Britain

*From the Shadow Foreign Secretary*

Sir, It is a shame that the Foreign Office Minister, David Davis, used this week's Council of Ministers meeting in Noordwijk, The Netherlands, to indulge in cheap electioneering instead of arguing the case for Britain ("EU chiefs plan to embrace Labour at Maastricht", report, April 8).

Anyone who thinks that Tony Blair is going to sell Britain out in Europe hasn't been paying attention for the last three years. He will go about the task of getting the best deal for Britain with the same determination he has shown in transforming the Labour Party.

We have made it clear that we regard the idea of an extra European summit in Maastricht in May as premature and would reject any attempts to force the pace of discussions. We will, of course, endeavour to reach agreement at the Amsterdam summit in June, but we will not sign up to any deal until we are satisfied that it reflects Britain's national interests.

Yours sincerely,
ROBIN COOK,
John Smith House,
150 Walworth Road, SE17.
April 8.

## Medical consent

*From the Editor of the*
Bulletin of Medical Ethics

Sir, Lord Ashbourne and Mr Gerard Wright (letter, April 1) are right to complain at the lack of discussion of the Council of Europe's Convention on Human Rights and Biomedicine. This was in part because circulation of early drafts was restricted by the British chairman of the drafting committee. They are wrong, however, to say that our law does not permit medical procedures, not designed to be of direct benefit to the recipient, to be performed on those unable to consent to them.

The Nuremberg Code — of principles for the ethical conduct of research on human subjects — was part of the judgment delivered 50 years ago at the trial of Nazi doctors engaged in horrific experiments. Its opening statement —"The voluntary consent of the human subject is absolutely essential" — has never been subsumed into English law.

Instead a series of guidelines have been promulgated by bodies such as the Royal College of Physicians and the Medical Research Council, advising that medical research procedures of no benefit to a subject who cannot consent to them may be performed, provided they are of no more than minimal risk.

These guidelines have never been challenged in court. The most relevant case law is a decision of the House of Lords permitting blood to be taken from children in cases of disputed paternity, even though this invasive procedure is of no direct benefit to them.

On this issue, therefore, the new European convention does no more than reflect current UK practice.

Yours sincerely,
R. H. NICHOLSON,
Editor,
*Bulletin of Medical Ethics*,
31 Corsica Street, N5.
April 2.

## Martin Bell's candidature and Neil Hamilton's honour

*From Mr Charles Pinder*

Sir, Neil Hamilton is entitled to defend his honour and has a right to a presumption of innocence. However, he also stands as a candidate for a political party which needs more than ever to advocate its cause with vigour and clarity, and his difficulties are preventing the Conservatives from meeting that pressing need.

He should recognise that the electoral prospects of his party, and thus the prospects for the nation as a whole, are of much more importance than his own defence of his reputation. He should withdraw his candidature, expose the diversionary manipulation of the Labour and Liberal Democrat parties and allow his party to fight on the real issues. He can clear his name after the election.

This would be a win for Mr Hamilton and a win for the Conservatives.

Yours faithfully,
C. M. PINDER,
The Corner, Easton,
Winchester, Hampshire.
April 9.

*From the Reverend Ian Gaskell*

Sir, Matthew Parris is right to say (April 8) that if "St Francis of Assisi were to stand for Tatton, he would find himself under press suspicion within days".

Francis's life prior to his conversion was one of debauchery and revelling and, without doubt, would have proved very fertile territory for the scandalous appetites of today's press. I am confident that the electorate of Tatton will find that neither Neil Hamilton nor Martin Bell has a record to compare with that of the young Francis.

*Yours sincerely,*
IAN GASKELL,
Saint Paul's Vicarage,
6 Vicarage Gardens, Birkenshaw,
Bradford, West Yorkshire.
April 8.

*From Mr Jonathan Berman*

Sir, A journalist as an anti-sleaze candidate? Neil Hamilton has achieved the impossible.

Yours faithfully,
JON BERMAN,
Ryeworth House, 61 Kidmore Road,
Caversham, Berkshire.
April 7.

*From Mr Beverley Morgan*

Sir, The brief confrontation between the Hamiltons and Martin Bell, as shown on television last evening, prompts me strongly to regret that Martin, whom we all admire, has given up his day job.

*I am, yours faithfully,*
BEVERLEY MORGAN,
9 Winterstoke Gardens,
Mill Hill, NW7.
April 9.

*From Mr J. Anthony C. Martin*

Sir, I have long regretted the absence (since the abolition of the university seats) of independent Members of Parliament. With the candidature of Martin Bell, there is hope we may get one again. May the electors of Tatton return him, with a splendid majority.

Yours faithfully,
J. A. C. MARTIN,
Flat 15,
Royal Victoria Patriotic Building,
Fitzhugh Grove, SW18.
April 9.

*From Mr Dominic Afriat*

Sir, I applaud Martin Bell's professed abhorrence of sleaze, but through his experience as a war correspondent did he not acquire a similar distaste for mob justice?

Yours sincerely,
DOMINIC AFRIAT,
3a Westland Close, Slough, Berkshire.
April 9.

## Modern morality

*From the Reverend Clive L. Rawlins*

Sir, Lord Longford, in his letter published on April 7, is wrong to say that Mark and Luke describe Christ as placing adultery at the top of their list of sins: only Luke does so, and as the only non-Jewish writer in the New Testament we can put that down to unconcern over their order of listing — not ethical gradation: though we may wonder if Luke's well known sympathy towards women and children influenced him.

Even Mark, the earliest writer, does not use the traditional order (ie, that of Exodus xx). He places murder first, as does Matthew, whom Lord Longford ignores. As every schoolboy used to know, adultery is the seventh commandment.

For Lord Longford to introduce "shamefulness" into this debate (praying the Archbishop of Canterbury in aid) is surely unhelpful — and un-Christian. The New Testament calls for a change of *mind* (ie, repentance), not for the degrading of persons. But we should be careful to note that the New Testament itself introduces changes — eg, of the Sabbath, which is no longer an ordinance according to St Paul *et al*.

Yours sincerely,
C. L. RAWLINS,
25 Riverside Gardens,
Musselburgh, Edinburgh.
April 7.

*From Mr Richard Benny*

Sir, Of course adultery is worse than a homosexual relationship. It entails a broken promise and a victim, which the latter does not.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD BENNY,
21 Tantallon Road, SW12.
April 7.

## Gays in Armed Forces

*From Captain R. J. F. Turner, RN (retd)*

Sir, I have commanded three submarines, two frigates, and a guided missile destroyer. So far as I know, neither Mr Martin Bowley, QC (letter, April 2) nor the Shadow Home Secretary (report, March 24) have this sort of experience.

Homosexuality in a civilian environment is now rightly accepted in the UK. In a modern warship, this acceptance does not apply. People space is scarce, in order to fit in propulsion, detection equipment and weapons systems. Men are frequently in three-tier bunks, 30 or 40 in a small sleeping space, and this for eight weeks or more at a time.

President Clinton, before his first term in office, declared his intention to allow gays to serve in the United States Armed Forces. After his election, he visited ships of the United States fleet, talked to sailors, and changed his mind. The result in the United States is a courageous and honest compromise.

I hope that any future UK Defence Secretary will visit ships of our fleet and talk to sailors, before allowing gays to serve in conditions where their presence could, and quite likely would, lead to jealousy and friction in the mess decks, and a reduced morale and efficiency in the ships concerned.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD TURNER,
*5 Via Guido Reni, Bologna, Italy.*
April 3.

## National spirit

*From Lord Daresbury*

Sir, As chairman of Aintree racecourse, I should like to express the thanks of the board for the enormous support we have received over the staging of the Martell Grand National.

The presence of the Princess Royal and the Prime Minister at the rescheduled race embodied the spirit and determination of the whole nation. The Merseyside Police and supporting authorities acted with great sensitivity and outstanding professionalism throughout, while the people of Merseyside demonstrated the sort of community spirit that is unbeatable. We at Aintree are deeply appreciative.

Yours sincerely,
DARESBURY, Chairman,
Aintree Racecourse Company Ltd,
Aintree, Liverpool.
April 8.

## Masonic membership

*From Mr Nicholas Page*

Sir, If the Freemasons (letters, April 5, 8) are not a secret society, then why cannot Masonic lodges publish lists of members, as do many other clubs and societies? There would then be no need for MPs, judges and policemen to declare their membership.

Yours faithfully,
NICHOLAS PAGE,
215 Queens Road, SW19.
April 8.

## School style

*From Mr M. L. R. Isaac*

Sir, When I was on the staff of Bristol Grammar School in the late 1950s (letter, April 7) a sixth former said to me after a visitor had left the room: "I knew he couldn't be a teacher. His shoes were polished."

Yours faithfully,
M. L. R. ISAAC,
Glebe House,
Crowcombe, Taunton, Somerset.
April 7.

## Bomb hoaxes

*From Mr D. Hinxman*

Sir, Mr B. C. J. Warnes and Mr John Kennedy (letters, April 8) should realise that if a coded bomb threat is received using a known IRA codeword, full evacuation must take place.

Nobody should be put in the position of being responsible to assess a risk factor in any such threat, and nobody should be allowed to remain in the area of the threat for the emergency services to collect and piece together should a bomb explode.

The IRA are using their current tactics to cause chaos; but if their warnings were to go unheeded, then almost certainly live bombs would subsequently be planted, possibly causing many deaths and injuries.

Yours faithfully,
*D. HINXMAN,*
80 Little Heath Road,
Bexleyheath, Kent.
April 8.

## But me no ands

*From His Honour Alan King-Hamilton, QC*

Sir, Derwent May's entertaining article, "The power and the glory of conjunctions" (April 5), reminded me of a preliminary point of law which I had to decide at the outset of a prosecution under a new statute which had been passed pursuant to an international treaty.

The point was whether "or" in a section of the statute was disjunctive or conjunctive. I decided that, in its context, it was conjunctive, as also did the Court of Appeal and the House of Lords.

Thus it took nine judges to decide that a two-letter word should be read as a three-letter word.

Yours faithfully,
ALAN KING-HAMILTON,
Royal Air Force Club,
128 Piccadilly, W1.
April 6.

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## Local television

*From the Chairman of Digital Television Network*

Sir, I cannot agree with Brenda Maddox that, with the launch of a nationally focused Channel 5, cable is now the "only hope" for local television ("The TV channel with a difference — predictability", Media and Marketing, April 2). Digital terrestrial television should also provide an opportunity to create a network of city-based local television stations.

If we are awarded the digital television licences by the ITC next month, then we will pilot such a local television service for Manchester. Having once established a workable model we then envisage rolling the concept out to cover Glasgow, Birmingham, Nottinghamshire, Leeds/Bradford and many other cities and conurbations.

Local television is one of the key gaps in the British television mix. Such services, if well done, have the potential to enrich local communities, boost voluntary effort and make local government accessible and accountable.

ITV provides a good regional perspective, but there is room for services which are more locally focused and relevant. They can be made viable through a mixture of traditional advertising supported by interactive services and local, television-based, classified advertising.

We look to the ITC to make a decision which will realise the full potential of the new digital age through which local television should find its place in the sun.

Yours faithfully,
JAMES GATWARD,
*Chairman,*
Digital Television Network,
22 Suffolk Street, SW1.
April 3.

## Spelling it out

*From Eur Ing H. Bibring*

Sir, Why are verbal references to dates in the next century almost invariably given as (eg) "Two thousand and fourteen" or "Two thousand and twenty seven" as opposed to "Twenty fourteen" or "Twenty twenty seven", as in all other centuries? Nobody speaks of "One thousand and sixty six and all that", do they?

Is the explanation simply that nowadays we never use two words when four will do?

Yours sincerely,
*H. BIBRING,*
8 Carratt's Road,
Bushey Heath, Hertfordshire.
April 4.

## Childhood literature

*From Mrs Pam Robinson*

Sir, To continue what could be a saga of the influences of literature on our childhood and beyond (letter, March 28), I cannot ice a birthday or Christmas cake without being reminded of a sentence from *Little Grey Rabbit's Party* by Alison Uttley: "In the middle was the party cake, covered with icing which Hare had brought from the top of the pond."

Even at 51 this poignant reminder of a "simpler" time still brings a tear to my eye.

Yours sincerely,
P. ROBINSON,
48 St John's Way,
Sandbach, Cheshire.

## Palais glider?

*From Miss Susan Pease*

Sir, I was intrigued to read in your report today (later editions) of Elton John's 50th birthday party at the Hammersmith Palais last night, that he was wearing a "2ft tall powered wig". You failed to say how it was powered and what it did.

Yours faithfully,
SUSAN PEASE,
130 Goldhurst Terrace, NW6.
April 7.

# COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
April 9: The Princess Royal, President, British Olympic Association, today attended an Executive Board Meeting at 1 Wandsworth Plain, London SW18.

KENSINGTON PALACE
April 9: The Duke of Gloucester, President, St Bartholomew's Hospital, today opened the new Clinical Sciences Research Building, St Bartholomew's and the Royal London School of Medicine and Dentistry, Queen Mary and Westfield College, Whitechapel, London E1.

The Duchess of Gloucester this afternoon opened Jewish Care's residential and nursing home, Lady Sarah Cohen House, at the Asher Loftus Centre, Colney Hatch Lane, London N11.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
April 9: The Duke of Kent, Colonel, Scots Guards this evening attended an Equerries' reunion dinner, at St James's Palace.

## Birthdays today

Lord Brookes, 88; Professor A.E. Buckwell, agricultural economist, 50; Professor Desmond Clark, archaeologist, 81; Sir Anthony Cleaver, chairman, AEA Technology, 59; Earl De La Warr, 49; Vice-Admiral Sir Alastair Ewing, 88; Mr Patrick Garland, theatre and film director, 62; Mr A.M. Henri, former president, Liverpool Academy of Arts, 65; Mr J.H. Holroyd, civil servant, 62; Miss Gloria Hunniford, broadcaster, 57; Mr Owen Kelly, former commissioner, City of London Police, 65; Professor Kathleen Major, former principal, St Hilda's College, Oxford, 91; Mr Stan Mellor, racehorse trainer, 60; Mr David Moorcroft, athlete, 44; Sir Robert Rhodes James, former MP, 64; Mr Omar Sharif, actor, 65; Mr Tom Spencer, MEP, 49; Mr Christopher Stoddart, managing director, GMTV, 47; Mr Paul Theroux, writer, 56; Sir Rodney Walker, chairman, English Sports Council, 54; Mr Harry Weblin, former chairman, Liberty, 67.

## Today's royal engagements

The Queen will take the salute Lord High Admiral's Divisions at Britannia Royal Naval College, Dartmouth, Devon, at 10.30.

The Duke of Edinburgh will visit the Royal Star and Garter Home for Disabled Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen, Richmond, southwest London, at 11.00am; will chair a meeting, as President, of the Royal Mint Advisory Committee at Buckingham Palace, at 3.00pm; and, as Patron, will attend the Institution of Chemical Engineers' Annual Dinner at the Hilton Hotel, Park Lane, London W1, at 7.00pm.

## Reception

**Lord Denman**
Lord Denman was the host at a reception at the House of Lords on Tuesday, April 8, to mark the 160th anniversary of Windlesham House School and to welcome the arrival of the new Headmaster Mr Philip Lough and his wife Christine. Present and past governors, staff, parents and friends of the school attended.

## International Council of Christians and Jews

The Rev Ernest Rea, Head of the BBC Religious Broadcasting Department, received an Interfaith Gold Medallion from Sir Sigmund Sternberg, Chairman of the ICCJ, at the BBC London yesterday.

## School news

**Bedford High School**
The Summer Term at Bedford High School begins today and ends on July 4. The Guild biennial outing will be held on May 10 at the Falcon Hotel in Stratford. (Further details from Mrs Chandler c/o Bedford High School). The Middle School play *Tin Pan Ali* a joint production with Bedford School will be performed on April 24, 25 and 26. The Junior School play *Dragonfire* will be performed on June 18, 19 and 20. The Sixth Form Leavers Ball will be held on June 26. Open Days for girls joining the School in September 1997 and their parents will be held on Saturday, June 14 (Junior School) and Wednesday, June 25 (Senior School).

The Bedford Charity (The Harpur Trust) includes in its aims the provision of high quality education for girls. Charity registration no: 204817.

**The King's School, Peterborough**
Term begins today with David Nobbs and Hannah Dobbin as Head Boy and Head Girl. The OPA Cambridge Dinner will be held at Pembroke College on June 6, details from the Headteacher. The Cathedral Leavers' Service on June 27. OPs Welcome.

## Dinners

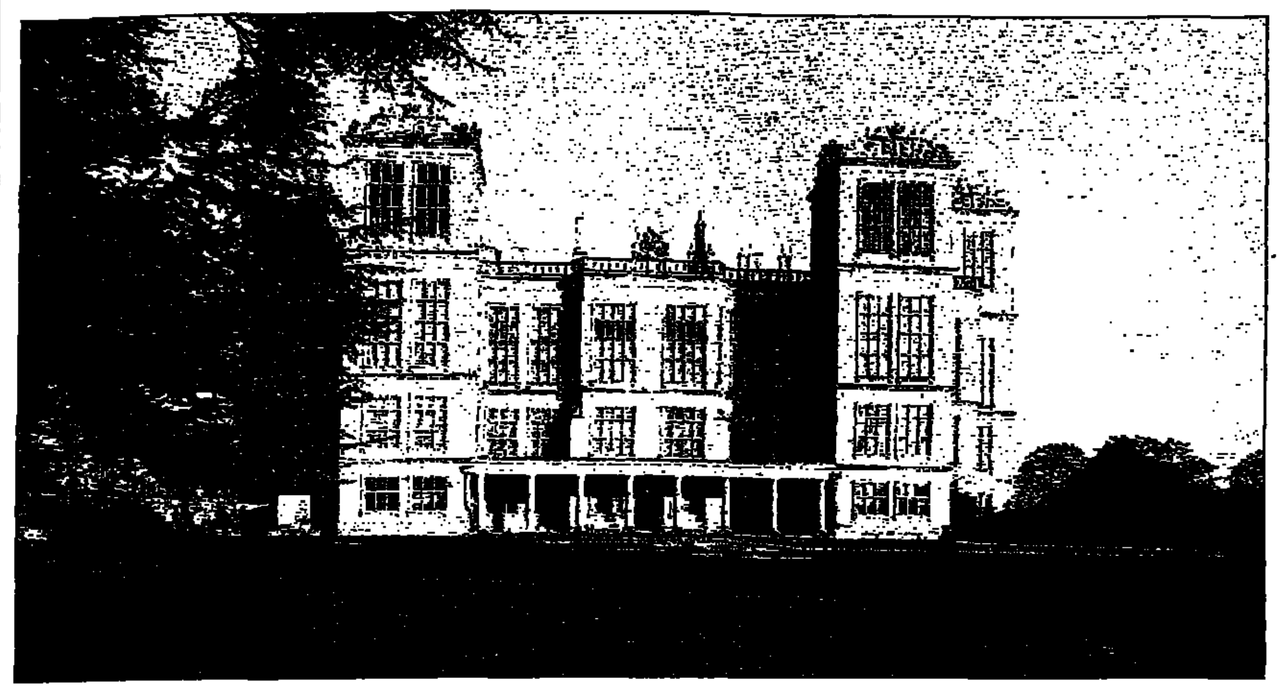
**Lord Mayor**
The Lord Mayor, accompanied by Miss Melissa Cork, gave the Easter banquet last night at the Mansion House in honour of Members of the Diplomatic Corps and their escorts. The speakers were the Lord Mayor, the Apostolic Nuncio and Mr Malcolm Rifkind, QC, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs. The other guests included:

Sir Peter Studd, Mrs Michael Bull, Sir Anthony and Lady Jolliffe, Mrs Malcolm Rifkind, Vice-Admiral Sir James and the Hon Lady Weatherall, Sir Robert Fellowes, General Sir Edward and Lady Jones, the Vice-Marshal of the Diplomatic Corps and Mrs Astley, Mr W G Ehrman, Mr and Mrs Gervase Hulbert, Mr Peter Gwynn-Jones and Mr Tony Roles.

**Air Force Board**
Air Chief Marshal Sir John Allison, Air Member for Logistics, presided at a dinner given by the Air Force Board Standing Committee and their ladies last night at RAF Bentley Priory to mark the retirement of Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael Graydon, Chief of the Air Staff, and Lady Graydon.

## Appointment

Mr Christopher Hulse to be Ambassador (non-resident) to Liechtenstein, succeeding Mr David Beattie.



Hardwick Hall, Derbyshire, built by Elizabeth, Countess of Shrewsbury, below, better known as Bess of Hardwick

# Trust seeks £10m to restore hall

By John Young

THE 400th anniversary of Hardwick Hall, one of the finest Elizabethan houses in England, is being marked by an application for a £10 million repair grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund.

The National Trust plans a ten-year programme to tackle the backlog of work which, at present rates of spending, would take 50 years to clear. The house in Derbyshire was built by Elizabeth, Countess of Shrewsbury, better known as Bess of Hardwick, the second most powerful woman in Tudor England after her namesake, the Queen.

It was given to the trust in 1959 in settlement of death duties. Designed by Robert Smythson, it was described yesterday by Martin Drury, the trust's director, as one of the noblest buildings in Europe. But four centuries of wind and rain have eroded the sandstone fabric, and the leaking windows need extensive repairs. Sunlight has damaged the unrivalled collection of embroideries and textiles, causing them to fade and become brittle.

About 70,000 people visit the house each year and the surrounding parkland attracts many more. The trust hopes to open more rooms to the public — though this will create further wear to the structure.

## Memorial service

**The Countess of Harrowby**
The Earl of Shrewsbury, a Deputy Lieutenant of Stafford, attended a memorial service for the Countess of Harrowby held yesterday at St James's, Piccadilly. The Rev Mary Robins officiated, assisted by Canon Lisle Ryder, of Worcester Cathedral. Tom Rundall, the Hon Hugo Ryder, Mark Rundall and the Hon Freddie Ryder grandchildren, read the lessons.

During the service the Hon Emily Ryder lit a candle. Extracts from Fauré's *Requiem* were sung by the St James's choir.

## Luncheon

**HM Government**
Sir Nicholas Bonsor, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was the host at a luncheon held yesterday at Lancaster House to bid farewell to Mr Anatoly Adamishin, Ambassador of the Russian Federation.

## Appointments in the Navy

Admiral Sir Michael Boyce to be the Commander-in-Chief Fleet, Commander-in-Chief Eastern Atlantic Area and Commander Allied Forces Northwestern Europe, succeeding Admiral Sir Peter Abbott.

Commodore A.M. Gregory to be promoted Read Admiral and to be Flag Officer Scotland, Northern England and Northern Ireland/Naval Base Commander Clyde, COMNORLANT/COMNORTHWEST, succeeding Rear Admiral J.G. Tolhurst.

## University news

**Oxford**
Amanda Kaye to be Bursar of St Antony's College.

# Tombs reveal colourful past

By Norman Hammond, Archaeology Correspondent

THE colour of magic may be more than a book by Terry Pratchett: recent work on the Isle of Arran suggests that stones used to build megalithic tombs were chosen for the symbolic importance of their hue. Red and white rocks, found at different places on the island, were brought together in funerary architecture some 5,000 years ago.

"The Arran tomb-builders went to considerable lengths to include stones of both colours in every tomb," Andy Jones says in *British Archaeology*. "Stone is plentiful, but no tombs were built using only local stone."

Red sandstone and white granite come from the fertile south and barren north of Arran respectively; but at Carn Ban in the granite region, the drystone walling was of sandstone and the lintels of alternating slabs of the two kinds of rock.

"In many cultures red and white are thought of as symbols of the red blood or flesh and white bones, particularly apt in tombs built to house the dead," Mr Jones says. The two parts of the island might also be signified, perhaps as a metaphor for the body with its static white bone and productive red flesh, he suggests.

"The land itself might have been seen as flesh, and at death the bones were reclothed in the flesh of the land," Mr Jones claims, citing the tomb of Clachaig where white bones were "jammed into the walls and encased in red sandstone slabs". Artefacts from the tombs are of red flint or black pitchstone, the former mainly arrowheads and knives, the latter sharp flakes. One may have been used for killing and primary butchery, the other for "drawing out the black visceral blood of the internal organs," Mr Jones says.

Different-coloured stones have been found at the Clava cairns near Inverness, and in Ireland in Sligo and at the famous tomb of Newgrange, where white quartz may have formed a façade or pavement. "The meaning is not always clear: white quartz may simply allow light to be diffracted into the chamber during events of solar significance," Mr Jones says.

## Church news

**Appointments**
The Rev Jeremy Leffler, Curate, St Peter and St Paul, Ormskirk: to be Curate, St Peter, Woolton (Liverpool).
The Rev Mark McCaghrey, Curate, St Mary's, Byfleet (Guildford): to be Vicar, Lowestoft St Andrew (Norwich).
The Rev Mark McIntyre, Assistant Curate, Wednesbury Team Ministry: to be Assistant Curate (Team Vicar Designate), Wolstanton Team Ministry (Lichfield).
The Rev Anthony Morgan, Assistant Curate, St Leonard's, Norwood, Sheffield: to be Priest-in-charge, St Hilda's, Shiregreen, Sheffield (Sheffield).
The Rev Gilly Myers: to be Assistant Curate (NSM), part-time, Gedling All Hallows (Southwell).
The Rev David Osman, Vicar, Preston on Tees: to be Priest-in-charge, Hebburn St John (Durham).
Canon James Pendorf, Priest-in-charge, St Alban and St Patrick, Highgate: to be Vicar, St Alban and St Patrick, Highgate (Birmingham), suspension of presentation having been lifted.
The Rev David Picken, Team Vicar, Wordsley Team Ministry w responsibility for Wordsley, St Clare: to be Team Rector, Wordsley, Holy Trinity (Worcester).
The Rev Ruth Stock, Curate, St Philemon, Toxteth: to be Team Vicar, St Gabriel, Toxteth (Liverpool).
The Rev John Streeting, Curate, Saints Peter and Paul, Chingford (Chelmsford): to be Associate Vicar, Christ Church, Chelsea (London).
The Rev Tom Thomas, Curate, St Peter, Woolton: to be Vicar, St David, Carr Mill (Liverpool).
The Rev Kevin Thompson, Vicar, Kimberworth Park, Rotherham: to be Vicar, Grenoside, Sheffield (Sheffield).
The Rev David Wright, Vicar, Lenham w Boughton Malherbe: now Assistant Continuing Ministerial Education Officer (Canterbury).

# Forthcoming marriages

**The Hon Angus G. Henderson**
**and Miss A.J. Hedley**
The engagement is announced between Angus George, youngest son of Lord and Lady Faringdon, of Buscot Park, Oxfordshire, and Alexia Jane, only daughter of Mrs Y.M. Hedley, of Westwood, Wiltshire, and Mr R.H. Hedley, of Chagford, Devon.

**Mr R.P. Byrne**
**and Dr V.R. Lyell**
The engagement is announced between Robert, son of Mrs Nathan Harrell-Bond, and Veronica, elder daughter of Sir Nicholas and Lady Lyell.

**Mr R.C.D. Blackwell**
**and Miss H.M. Forster**
The engagement is announced between Rupert, son of Colonel and Mrs John Blackwell, of Cobham, Surrey, and Martha, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Simon Forster, of Hanwell, Oxfordshire.

**Captain J. Caesar**
**and Miss L. Nash**
The engagement is announced between Captain Julius Caesar, Royal Signals, son of Mr and Mrs Julius Caesar, of Cambridge, Gloucestershire, and Lisajane, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Trevor Nash, of Headley Down, Hampshire.

**Mr P.R. Cooke**
**and Miss M.A. Wallevik**
The engagement is announced between Paul, elder son of Mr Roger M. Cooke and Mrs Marie Katz, of Ashstead, Surrey, and Matilde, only daughter of Dr Knut H. Wallevik and Mrs Birte E. Branner, of Copenhagen, Denmark.

**Mr R.S. Creswell**
**and Miss R.E. Johnson**
The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Mr and Mrs Michael Creswell, of Chobham, Surrey, and Rachel, younger daughter of Dr and Mrs Paul Johnson, of Great Witley, Worcestershire.

**Mr J.L. Edge**
**and Miss L.J. Papworth**
The engagement is announced between Jonathan, son of Mr and Mrs David Edge, of Sherborne St John, Hampshire, and Lucinda, daughter of Mr and Mrs Graham Papworth, of Chichester, West Sussex.

**Mr A.D.D. O'Conor**
**and Miss C.J. Felix**
The engagement is announced between Adam, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Brian O'Conor, of Guildford, Surrey, and Charlotte, only daughter of Dr and Mrs Robin Felix, of Seale, Farnham, Surrey.

**Mr P.D. O'Halloran**
**and Miss L.C. Marne**
The engagement is announced between Donald, only son of the late Mr and Mrs Patrick O'Halloran, and Lynnette, only daughter of the late Mr William Marne and of Mrs Marne, of Eastbourne, East Sussex.

**Mr A.J. Soper**
**and Miss S.J. King**
The engagement is announced between Ashley, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Soper, of Budleigh Salterton, and Susan, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter King, of Ruislip, Middlesex.

**Mr J.E. Tilbrook**
**and Miss A. Nommensen**
The engagement is announced between James, younger son of Brigadier and Mrs Tom Tilbrook, of Little Cornard, Suffolk, and Annabelle, only daughter of the late Mr Clarence Nommensen and of Mrs Nommensen, of Brisbane, Australia.

**Dr T. Woolley**
**and Miss C. Robbins**
The engagement is announced between Tom, son of Brigadier and Mrs Peter Woolley, of London, and Caty, daughter of Mr Glyn Ford-Robbins, of Shamley Green, and Mrs Lis Edwards, of Trondheim, Norway.

## Marriages

**Mr D.J.L. Lee**
**and Mrs K.F.A. Rabett**
The marriage took place at St Nicholas, Denston, on Saturday, April 5, 1997, between Mr David Lee and Mrs Karen Rabett. The Rev T.S. Wright officiated, assisted by Father Paul Graham.

**Mr P.A. Wookey**
**and Miss S.L. Emery**
The marriage took place on Wednesday, March 19, 1997, in Canada, of Mr Peter Wookey, of 119 Hazelton Avenue, Toronto, Ontario, and Miss Samantha Emery. A service of blessing will be held at the Church of St Nicholas, Hedsor, on August 30.

## Anniversaries

BIRTHS: King James V of Scotland, reigned 1513-42, Linlithgow, 1512; Hugo Grotius, jurist, Delft, 1583; John Wilmot, 2nd Earl of Rochester, poet and courtier, Ditchley, Oxfordshire, 1647; Sir John Pringle, physician and president of the Royal Society 1772, Stitchel, Roxburgh, 1707; Samuel Hahnemann, physician and founder of homeopathic medicine, Meissen, Germany, 1755; William Hazlitt, essayist, Maidstone, 1778; Lew Wallace, American Civil War general and author of *Ben Hur*, Brookville, Indiana, 1827; William Booth, founder of the Salvation Army, Nottingham, 1829; Joseph Pulitzer, newspaper proprietor, Makó, Hungary, 1847; George William Russell (AE), writer, Lurgan, Co Armagh, 1867; George Arliss, actor, London, 1868; Vic Feather, Baron Feather, trade unionist, Bradford, 1908.

DEATHS: Joseph Lagrange, mathematician, Paris, 1813; Alexander Nasmyth, painter, Edinburgh, 1840; Giovanni Amici, astronomer, Florence, 1863; Algernon Charles Swinburne, poet and critic, London, 1909; August Lumière, pioneer of motion pictures, Lyons, 1954; Evelyn Waugh, writer, Combe Florey, Somerset, 1966.

Bananas appeared in British shops for the first time, 1633.

The first British settlers arrived in South Africa, Algoa Bay, 1820.

The safety pin was patented by Walter Hunt of New York, 1849.

*The Civil Rights Bill passed the American Senate, 1960.*

## Latest wills

Roy Edward **Wharfe**, of London SW6, left estate valued at £908,637 net.

Herbert Clifford **Brough**, of Colwyn Bay, Conwy, left estate valued at £2,616,686 net.
He left his residuary estate to be divided thus: one half to Barnardo's for use in the Liverpool area; three eighths to the Royal Liverpool Children's NHS Trust and one eighth to the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Society.

Christina Ella Hope **Chamen**, of Bures St Mary, Suffolk, left estate valued at £1,421,848 net.
She left £5,000 to St Mary the Virgin church, Bures St Mary.

Frank Thomas **Burchett**, of New Haw, Weybridge, Surrey, left estate valued at £1,696,153 net.

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## BIRTHS

**ANSTEY** - To Lindy and Henry on April 7th. A daughter, Hermione May, a sister for Sophie, Henry and Mollie.

**ANTICO** - On April 5th at The Portland Hospital, to Janet and Peter, a daughter, Ambella.

**APTHORP** - On April 2nd 1997, to Susan and Justin, a daughter, Christina Helen Jane.

**CLARK** - On 5th April, to Jonathan and Kay, a beautiful baby daughter, Imogen Kristin, a sister for Charlotte Isobelle.

**COLFOX** - On April 5th, to Julia and Philip, a daughter, Mary Rose (Mamie), a sister to Alice and Lily.

**CONNICK** - To Alison (née Tottle) and Jeremy, in Hong Kong, on April 9th, a daughter, Zoe Rebecca, a sister for Oliver.

**FLINT** - On 4th April, to Emma (née Fenn-Smith) and Henry, a daughter, Chloe Pollyanna.

**HASLETT** - On April 7th, to Róisín (née Whelan) and Roger, a son, Edward Michael.

**OXENHAM** - On April 3rd to Jenny (née Ratcliff) and John, a daughter, Suzannah Kim, weighing 7lbs 5ozs. A sister for Grace.

**PACE** - On April 6th at The Portland Hospital, to Kristen and Alan, a daughter, Kayleigh Nicole.

**RADCLIFFE** - On April 4th at The Portland Hospital, to Sandra (née Altman) and Peter, a son, James, a brother for Natalie.

**SPARROW** - On April 3rd at The Portland Hospital, to Julie-Anne and Roger, twin daughters, Esme and Imogen, sisters for Morgan.

**TODD** - To Carole and Julian on April 7th at home. A beautiful daughter Alice Elizabeth, a welcome sister for George and Hector.

## DIAMOND ANNIVERSARIES

**DAVIDSON:WILBERFORCE** - Tom to Julia on April 10th 1937 at Woodmancote, Sussex. Now at 29 Greyfriars, Lewes, BN7 2EF.

## GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES

**HAYES:MISSON** - Lt. Murray and Ruth. On 10th April 1947 at St Mary's Church, Louth. Now residing at Tealby. Congratulations and love from Anthony, Nicci, Rosemary and Robert.

## DEATHS

**BARCLAY JACOBS** - See Jacobs.

**BERRIDGE** - Alfred James (Jim. Ex Professional Golfer - Gerrards Cross Golf Club) aged 88. Passed away peacefully on 5th April. Reunited with Ada. Funeral Service on Tuesday 15th April at 2 pm at Spratton Church, Northamptonshire, followed by burial.

**BUNTON** - George Louis FRCS on April 8th 1997 aged 76 peacefully. Adored husband of Louise and father of Elizabeth. Private funeral on Monday 14th April. Flowers or donations to St Anthony's Hospital c/o Pimms Funeral Services, Dorset House, 198 High Street, Cranleigh, Surrey, tel: (01483) 274079. A Service of Thanksgiving to celebrate a wonderful life will be held at St Nicolas Church, Cranleigh, at 11 am Saturday 31st May.

**BUSHELL** - Anthony (Actor) 1904-1997. Died Wednesday 2nd April 1997 at 5 pm in the loving care of the Beaumont Home, Oxford. Tony gave much joy to many and will be greatly missed by all his friends. We loved you Tony so much and now know how much. Love Francis, Patricia, Michael and Edward. R.I.P. Service at Oxford Crematorium on Tuesday 15th April 1997 at 12.15 pm.

**CODLING** - Sydney peacefully at home on 9th April 1997 aged 77. Darling husband of Joan and dearly loved father of John, David, Vanessa and Ali. Dearest Pa to James, Victoria, Robert, Andrew Jonnie, Charles, William, Francesca, Alexandra, Elena, Thomas, Richard and Simon. Private cremation. Family flowers only, but if desired donations to Imperial Cancer Research Fund c/o Great Missenden Funeral Services, 106 High Street, Great Missenden, Bucks. Thanksgiving Service will be announced later.

**FAULKNER** - Hugh OBE, died April 6th aged 80. First Director of Help the Aged, later Director Asthma Research Council, until his death Honorary Director of Persistent Virus Disease Research Foundation. Beloved husband of Anne, devoted father of Anthony and Jane, and grandfather of Katherine, Edward, Jeremy and Henrietta. Funeral at Jordans Friends' Meeting House (near Beaconsfield) Friday April 11th 12.30 pm. Memorial Service to follow at a later date.

**FINNEY** - Joan Constance (née Drummond) on April 4th 1997 in Oxford aged 82 years. Widow of George, much loved mother and grandmother. Funeral private. A Service of Thanksgiving will be held at St Simon Zelotes, Milner Street, SW3, on Wednesday April 30th at 2.30 pm. *Donations if desired to The* OPTIMA Project c/o Radcliffe Infirmary NHS Trust, Woodstock Road, Oxford OX2 6HE.

**HILLYER** - Catharine, wife of Keith, mother of Diana, Tessa and Roger, grandmother of Sarah and Christopher, peacefully at Wycombe General Hospital on 9th April. Thanksgiving Service at St James, Gerrards Cross, on Tuesday 15th April at 3.30 pm. No black at her request. *Donations in lieu of flowers* to the Lymphoma Association, PO Box 275, Haddenham, Bucks. HP17 8JJ.

**HOLDERNESS-RODDAM** - On April 8th 1997 after a long illness courageously fought with humour. David, much loved husband of Susan, father of Tim and father-in-law of Jane. Private cremation. Thanksgiving Service at St John's Parish *Church, Tisbury*, on Thursday 17th April at 3.30pm. No flowers please. Donations if desired for Salisbury Hospice and Leonard Cheshire Foundation may be sent to Bracher Brothers F/D, Gillingham, Dorset SP8 4QL, tel: (01747) 822494.

**ILOTT** - (Née Fletcher) Rosemary Alice MBE on April 5th peacefully at Kineton Manor Nursing Home, dear sister of Anthony, aunt of Hugh, Martin and Evelyn and great-aunt of seven. Funeral Service at Marlingford Church near Norwich, Norfolk, on Thursday 17th April at 2.30pm. Memorial Service at Upper Boddington Church, Northants later. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Church of England Childrens Society c/o Peter Taylor Funeral Services, 85 Unthank Road, Norwich, NR2 2PE.

**JACOBS** - John Barclay on April 7th 1997 in his 77th year after a short illness. Loved husband of Yvonne, devoted father to Nicola and proud grandfather to Hugo and Alexander. Funeral Service at Randalls Park Crematorium, Leatherhead, on Thursday 17th April at 12 noon. Family flowers only.

**JAMES** - On April 3rd Dr. Godfrey Thomas James MA, MRCP, died peacefully after a short illness, aged 79. A truly kind and gentle man, very dearly loved by his family, remembered with affection and respect by all who knew him - medical colleagues in Birmingham and all the patients he cared for during his 45 years as a general practitioner. Funeral Monday April 14th, 1.30 pm at St Leonard's Church, Frankley. Enquiries and flowers to V. Morton & Sons, Birmingham: (0121) 476-9111.

**JOACHIM** - Suddenly and peacefully in the Independent Hospital, Tunbridge Wells, on 7th April, Nina Mary Elizabeth aged 82, formerly Principal of St Hild's College, Durham, much loved aunt, great-aunt and granddaughter of famous violinist Joseph Joachim. Private cremation for family and friends on Thursday 17th April at 2.30pm at Tunbridge Wells Crematorium. Memorial and Thanksgiving Service at St Paul's Church, Rusthall, to be arranged at a later date.

**McHUGH** - Ethel (née Fouchard) died peacefully on April 6th, 1997. Her loving *family* recall a life lived for the glory of her God. Good night God bless Nan, rest in peace.

**MULLENEUX** - Philip Hugh, after a tragic accident on Tuesday April 8th 1997 aged 35 years. Beloved son of Ann and Peter and brother to Jane and James. Memorial Service at St. Mary's Church, Ticehurst on Friday April 25th at 2.30pm. No flowers, donations, if desired, to Hospice in the Weald c/o Waterhouse & Sons, High Street, Burwash.

**NICHOLLS** - Harry Raymond, April 8th, 1997, aged 79 years. Peacefully, after prolonged ill health, at Northaven, Whangaparaoa, New Zealand. Beloved daddy of Jane and former husband of Joan. Long serving Captain of BOAC and Gulf Air, Bahrain and formerly of the RNZAF and RAF No 547 Squadron. Awarded the Queens Commendendation for Valuable Service in the air and Freeman of the City of London after a long and distinguished flying career. Service to be held at the RSA Section, Waikumete Memorial Park, Auckland on Friday 11th April at 2.00pm. Communications to 23A, Park Rise, Campbells Bay, Auckland.

**PARRISH** - Laura Evelyn on 2nd April 1997 died peacefully at her Hampstead home in her 88th year. Cremation to be held at Tunbridge Wells Crematorium 11.30 am on Wednesday 16th April. No flowers, but donations if desired to NSPCC c/o Hickmott & Son, 41 Grove Hill Road, Tunbridge Wells TN1 1SD.

**PLOWMAN** - Violet (Vi) on April 5th at William Harvey Hospital, Ashford, Kent. Wife of the late C.A. Plowman, mother of Ronnie, grandmother of Robert and David. Enquiries to Romney Marsh Funeral Services, (01797) 366432.

**POOLE** - Nigel Trevor Charles on April 2nd aged 82 years, beloved father of Richard and James. Funeral Exeter Crematorium April 11th 2.15 pm. Donations to Cancer Research.

**RIDLEY** - Of Rowlands Gill, peacefully at home on 8th April 1997 aged 71 years, Donald A, dearest husband of Clarice, much loved father of Gillian and Barbara. Funeral Service in St Barnabas Church, Rowlands Gill, on Monday 14th April at 1.15 pm. Private cremation at Mountsett Crematorium, Dipton. Family flowers only. Donations to Cancer Research or Meningitis Trust.

**SARGEAUNT** - On 8th April 1997, peacefully at Coombe Grange Nursing Home, Sway. Henry Anthony aged 89 years. Dearly beloved husband of Doris and loving father of John, David and Julia. Funeral Service will take place at Sway Parish Church on Wednesday, 16th April at 10.15 a.m. followed by Private Cremation. Family flowers only please, but donations may be made to Parkinsons Disease Society, c/o Diamond & Son Funeral Directors, Lymington. SO41 9DN.

**SILLEM** - On April 7th 1997, peacefully in hospital, Patricia, darling wife of Arthur for over 51 years. Beloved mother of Anthony and Jeremy and adored granny of Louisa, Georgina and Caroline. Funeral Service at St Andrews Church, West Street, Deal, Kent on Thursday April 17th 1997 at 11.30 am followed by private cremation. Family flowers only but any donations to Royal Star & Garter Homes, c/o J. Dilnot Smith & Son, Funeral Directors, 183, Gladstone Road, Walmer, Deal, Kent CT14 7EL.

**SLEIGH** - Dorothy Lucy on April 8th, 1997. Suddenly at the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary aged 86. Much loved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother and dear friend of Trevor Newsome. Service at the Cloister Chapel, Warriston Crematorium, Edinburgh on Monday 14th April at 1.45pm. No flowers please but donations if desired to The British Heart Foundation, 45A Moray Place, Edinburgh EH3 6BQ.

**STIRLING** - Hugh, F.R.C.O.G., aged 88. Darling husband of Hilda, father of Hilary and Hugh and beloved grandpa of Charlotte, Alexis and Francis. Died peacefully on 4th April in Blackheath. Service on Monday 21st April at 3 pm, Eltham Crematorium, Crown Woods Way, Eltham, London SE9. No flowers but if desired, donations to King George's Fund for Sailors, 8 Hatherley Street, London SW1P 2YY.

**TEBBUTT** - On 7th April 1997, Ann (née Fosh) passed away at home of cancer aged 50 years. Beloved wife of Roy, mother of Nicola, Michelle and Peter and eldest daughter of Mary and Eddie. Funeral Service, Sunday 13th April, 2 pm at St Mary's R.C. Church, Woburn Sands. Family flowers only, donations for either Ampthill District, or Marie Curie Nurses may be sent c/o Neville Funeral Service, The Old Church, Flitwick Road, Ampthill, Beds., MK45 2NT.

**VANDERZEE** - Thomas Peter (Tom) aged 17 tragically killed in a road accident on April 4th 1997. Funeral Service to be held at Croydon Parish Church on Monday April 14th at 1 pm followed by burial at Greenlawns Memorial Park, Chelsham. No flowers, but donations please if desired to "Crisis" c/o J.B. Shakespeare Ltd, 67 George Street, Croydon CR0 1LD, tel: (0181) 688-1447.
"God Bless you Tom".

**VERDIN** - Jack Arthur died suddenly at home on April 4th in his 91st year. Much loved father of Jill and Tony, grandfather and great-grandfather. Funeral at South London Crematorium on Tuesday April 15th at 4pm. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Save the Children Fund.

**WALTERS** - Laetitia Daphne ("Letty") née Myers, on 6th April in her 89th year, in hospital, after a short illness. Beloved wife of the late Jack Walters, loving mother of Paul and Carol and devoted grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral at St Ippolyts Parish Church near Hitchin at 12 noon on Monday 14th April. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired, to the REACH Fund (to finance research into childhood leukaemia) at Great Ormond Street Hospital, c/o Wm. Austin of Hitchin (01462 438422) to whom any enquiries should also be made.

**WOOD** - Wilfrid Herbert, much loved husband of the late Mary and father of Ann and William, on Sunday 6th April aged 94 after a short illness. Funeral Service St Paul's Church, Rusthall Common, Thursday 17th April 9.45am. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to the Stroke Association.

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# OBITUARIES

## THOMAS ATKINSON, GC

**Thomas Atkinson, GC, died in Dorset on March 26 aged 81. He was born at Redcar on May 27, 1915.**

In an act of bravery — and, as so often in such cases, of resourcefulness — which involved his being severely burnt, Thomas Atkinson was instrumental in controlling a serious fire which threatened loss of life and large scale destruction of Army transport on a remote mountain base in prewar Palestine. For this he was awarded the Empire Gallantry Medal, which was gazetted on July 25, 1939, and translated to the George Cross in 1941.

At that time Atkinson was serving as a corporal with the 1st battalion, The Green Howards, in a Palestine which was then governed under a League of Nations Mandate by Great Britain. He was stationed at Jinsafut Camp, an isolated outpost high in the harsh, rocky terrain of the Samarian Hills. Early in 1939 he had been put in charge of the camp's mechanised transport. In the evening of March 15, 1939, he was supervising the refuelling of eight lorries which were packed together in the close confines of the camp's only garage, a small, narrow affair in which the lorries had to be packed far more closely together than was desirable.

The operation was made the more hazardous through the inefficient design of the Army two-gallon petrol tin, which was then standard equipment before the merciful arrival of the far superior Jerrycan (which was copied from a German design) during the North African campaign two years later. However carefully the two-gallon can was poured, some spillage was inevitable, and in hot, arid climates, not to mention the proximity of hot exhaust pipes, this was highly dangerous.

Whether or not what happened next was a result of spontaneous combustion, or whether a disaffected Arab threw a flare into the building through the ventilation slit, was never estalished; but without warning a fire broke out in the middle of the garage and quickly engulfed one of the lorries. With the amount of fuel on the floor and the proximity of both the base ammunition dump and a barrack housing 60 men, the potential for catastrophe was clearly enormous.

Atkinson's first action was to order all the drivers to get their lorries out of the garage and drive them as far from the barrack and ammunition dump as possible. While this was happening the remaining troops tackled the blaze with fire extinguishers. But these could not cope with the ferocity of the flames and only five of the lorries had been got out of the garage by the time the fire had spread over the whole floor.

Atkinson ordered his men to dig up soil to throw on the flames, but in trying to do so one young soldier slipped and fell onto the burning fuel. With complete disregard for his own safety, Atkinson dived into the inferno to try to pull the man out. But at that point a petrol tank blew up and and Atkinson was flung several yards through the air by the blast. Momentarily concussed, he came to, to find that he was burning from head to foot and could hardly see.

At this point, Private Thomas McAvoy, who was working closely with Atkinson, punched a hole in the petrol tank of one of the other lorries to prevent it from exploding, sustaining burns as he did so. He, too, was awarded the Empire Gallantry Medal for his courage and quick thinking on that day. The citation to Atkinson's decoration acknowledged the fact that without his initiative which had brought the bulk of the trucks to safety and his intelligent efforts to keep the blaze under control, the whole camp would most probably have been destroyed by fire and explosions, with heavy loss of life.

Thomas Atkinson was born at Redcar, northeast Yorkshire, into a family which had long associations with the sea, as fishermen and as crew of the celebrated Redcar lifeboat. He was educated at school locally and then had a number of bits and pieces jobs in the Depression years — particularly severe in that depressed area of the country.

But the Army offered an escape from this existence and in November 1933 he made his way to Richmond (Yorkshire) to enlist in the Green Howards, which has its headquarters in the town. During a period while his battalion was posted to Dorset he met and married a local girl, Doreen Bowen.

After the incident at Jinsafut, Atkinson was invalided back to Britain and spent much time thereafter in hospital receiving treatment for his severe burns. These effectively ended his service career and before the end of the war he was invalided out of the Army and returned to live in the Portland area. There he worked as an Admiralty driver, a job which took him out to Singapore for a number of years in the 1950s. Subsequently he was employed as a stone sawyer in the Portland stone industry.

In retirement at Weston, Portland, after 1965, he maintained contact with his regiment and was also a great supporter of the Victoria Cross and George Cross Association. A quiet and unassuming man, he enjoyed a game of billiards or snooker at his local Conservative Club (though that choice of venue had nothing to do with his political affiliations). A bench dedicated to him at Portland last year recalls his deed in the South of England, while in his native northeast a plaque outside the Redcar and Cleveland council chamber in Eston town hall celebrates him and two other sons of the district who received the highest awards for valour.

Atkinson's wife Doreen died last year and he is survived by their two sons and a daughter.

## DAME GUINEVERE TILNEY

**Dame Guinevere Tilney, DBE, personal adviser to Margaret Thatcher, 1975-84, died on April 4 aged 80. She was born on September 8, 1916.**

GUINEVERE TILNEY was a woman who filled several roles well. She was at different times an astute secretary, a dedicated political wife and a committed campaigner for women's rights. But she was best known, perhaps, for her role as personal adviser to Margaret Thatcher after she had become Conservative leader and, later, when she was Prime Minister.

Travelling abroad with Margaret Thatcher, Tilney had an ability to anticipate needs well in advance and to sort out problems when they occurred. This made her an invaluable companion. She did not always find it easy to be wardrobe mistress to a woman who travelled so much and needed clothes to suit all climates, let alone to a woman who had such firm ideas of her own. But Tilney's dedication could, and did, exceed the call of duty. When it was necessary for the Prime Minister to slim before a physically demanding official visit to China, Tilney went on the same diet by way of encouragement.

Tilney, however, had played a not inconsiderable political role in her own right. In 1970 Lord Home, then Foreign Secretary in Edward Heath's administration, sent her to America as the British representative on the UN Commission on the Status of Women. She proved a popular choice. She could be relied on to make a well informed speech, and had none of the offputting characteristics of the militant feminist. In New York she campaigned with vigour for the rights of women in the Third World.

Tall, slim and good looking, Tilney had a sense of style that stood out. She wore superbly cut suits in beautiful but plain fabrics by day, and in the evening long dresses which always stopped short of flamboyance but had a swinging glamour.

Guinevere Tilney was of Scottish descent. Her maiden name was Grant, and she was the younger daughter of the 12th baronet, Sir Hamilton Grant, and his wife, Margot Cochran. Sir Hamilton Grant was Foreign Secretary to the Government of India, 1914-1919, and later, for several years head of the civil administration in the North West Province of India, now Pakistan. Guinevere's grandfather was Professor of Law at Edinburgh University for some 30 years.

Guinevere was sketchily educated at Westonbirt — "we concentrated mainly on ponies," she said — and went on, on the outbreak of the Second World War, to join the WRNS. She reached the rank of second officer. Her maternal grandfather was a regular officer in the Royal Navy. It was during the war that she met and married Captain Lionel Hunter of the Canadian Dragoon Guards. He died in 1947, the year that her only child was born. Her father had already died when she was 18 and her mother moved in to a grace and favour residence in Hampton Court Palace.

A widow at 31, she took a course in typing, shorthand and book-keeping and a year later took the job which was to set the course for the rest of her life. She became a secretary to Lord Selborne, an elderly man of vast experience in politics, the city and business. At the time he was chairman of the National Provincial Bank and very involved in the Conservative Commonwealth Council. He had been Minister for Economic Warfare, 1942-45, and had sat as an MP for various constituencies for some 40 years.

It was through her work with him and her interest in the Commonwealth that she met her second husband John Tilney. He had become chairman of the West African Committee of the Conservative Commonwealth Council of which she was a member. A man with a good war record, he had joined the family stockbroking firm in Liverpool and become MP for Liverpool (Wavertree) which he was to represent in Parliament for over 20 years.

Guinevere Tilney became very involved in her husband's political work in Liverpool. She sometimes travelled there and back as often as three times a week, leaving him free for ministerial duties in London. He was Post-Master General from 1962 to 1964 and later filled a number of junior ministerial posts.

Tilney was one of the first of what today are called "ladies who lunch". But her lunches had serious purpose. In the early 1950s she was chairman of the Empire Ladies Lunch Club. It consisted mostly of wives of peers and MPs who were interested in the emerging Commonwealth and in women's rights. Her husband was the chairman of the Liverpool Luncheon Club, and when she discovered that women were only allowed on special occasions she set up the Merseyside Conservative Women's Luncheon Club in the city, becoming its first chairman. With its sharp political focus, it was a resounding success.

She used these and other luncheon clubs to raise money for Commonwealth causes and for furthering the status of women in the Third World. Sales of used clothing were a great success. Women lunch guests who asked Guinevere Tilney what they should they bring would be somewhat taken aback when she gaily replied: "your nearly-new, your nearly-new". It was probably she who gave the name to what has now become common place in London and smarter country villages — the "nearly-new sale".

Tilney was appointed DBE in 1984. She was deputy-lieutenant for Lancaster, 1971-74, and of Merseyside, 1974-76. She was president of the National Council of Women of Great Britain, 1961-68.

Her second husband died in 1994. She nursed him devotedly throughout his long final illness.

She is survived by her son.

## HUGH IRWIN

**Hugh Irwin, CBE, a former assistant secretary at the Ministry of Transport, died on March 30 aged 86. He was born on March 21, 1911.**

THE name of Hugh Irwin might strike a chord in the memory of those who have, during the last quarter of a century, piloted their craft through the locks and beside the quays of our inland waterways. As a Transport Ministry official in the late 1960s, he signed the official list of "do's" and "don'ts" — referred to at the time as "Irwin's by-laws" — displayed at strategic points along the banks.

He also helped to frame the legislation, prompted by his enthusiastic minister, Barbara Castle, which restored the present network of canals and connecting rivers — designating some for recreational purposes, others for commerce.

He had started in civil aviation, moving on to motorway planning and was present at the opening of the M1. The environmental value of motorway verges was among the areas in which he specialised.

Yet the man who signed "Irwin's by-laws" was not originally called Irwin at all. He was born Arthur Hugh Montgomery Miller in Ealing, west London. Hugh's father later changed his name to Irwin in order to inherit a large family estate on the shores of Lough Erne in Co Fermanagh.

Irwin was educated at Clifton College and Clare College, Cambridge, where he read French and German.

After graduating in the early 1930s, he entered the Home Affairs department of the then Northern Ireland Government in Stormont, working there until the start of the Second World War.

In 1942 he transferred to the Admiralty. He was then posted to the Ministry of Civil Aviation in 1947 and in 1952 won a Nuffield travelling fellowship to Australia — compiling a year-long study for Whitehall on air transport within the Australian subcontinent. He joined the Ministry of Transport on his return.

Appointed CBE in 1968, Irwin retired three years later at the age of 60 and thereafter devoted much of his time to voluntary work — especially for the Samaritans in the Tunbridge Wells area of Kent. A devout Christian, he was also active in his local church and diocese.

Hugh Irwin had no enemies in Whitehall. A kind, gentle person, with a whimsical sense of humour, he was perhaps too unassuming to reach the dizzier heights of his profession — for which some thought his intellect equipped him and which his early promotion to assistant secretary might have led him to anticipate. But if he was privately disappointed, he did not show it.

He relaxed on the river at Twickenham, where he then lived, winning an assortment of sailing trophies in his own boat. He also kept up his languages, not only by travelling on the Continent, but by extensive reading in French and German.

He liked to practise his linguistic skills while in Whitehall, though these were not always appreciated. The Welsh-speaking junior minister (and later Secretary of State for Wales), John Morris, for whom Irwin had written a speech, once asked him if he could cut some of the French and German epithets with which Irwin had spiced it. "You see Mr Irwin", he pointed out gently "my own second language is English".

He married his wife Phyllis, the daughter of family friends in Dublin in 1934 in a wedding described by their local paper as a "marriage between north and south". They marked their golden wedding by sailing to America on the QE2 and went on to celebrate their diamond wedding three years ago.

Hugh Irwin had been suffering for the last ten years from Parkinson's disease, and donated his body to medical science in the hope of encouraging others to do the same. He died in a nursing home and is survived by his wife and by a son and a daughter.

## JOHN ROSS

**John Ross, CBE, civil servant, died on March 27 aged 88. He was born on March 31, 1908.**

A WHITEHALL figure of the old school, John Ross combined a career in the Home Office with a devotion to the Presbyterian Church, an eager pursuit of classical studies and a lifelong affection for music. It was entirely appropriate that, towards the end of his career, one of his most prominent responsibilities should have been to supervise the arrangements every year for the annual Remembrance Sunday service held at the Cenotaph. The traditionalism, reverence and solemnity of the occasion accurately reflected his own nature.

John Macdonald Ross was born in Bothwell, Lanarkshire, but was educated at Highgate School, London, and Wadham College, Oxford, where he read Mods and Greats. He then joined the Home Office.

During the Second World War he advised on the administration of the Defence Regulations (including the famous 18B, under which people like the Mosleys were locked up). Later he served for a number of years in the Police Division and ended up heading the Nationality Division, retiring in the same year, 1968, that Enoch Powell delivered his notorious "rivers of blood" speech.

He was appointed CBE in 1967 and used his retirement to write an internal history of the Home Office's Nationality Division. He was a valued civil servant who frequently represented the United Kingdom at international conferences on nationality law.

But his official life revealed only half the man. From his home in Hampstead Garden Suburb he was a regular attender at the Golders Green Presbyterian Church, serving it both as an elder and as session clerk. He was a frequent lay preacher and a formidable scholar and exponent of New Testament theology, an area where his knowledge of Ancient Greek stood him in good stead. He contributed to theological periodicals and served for a time on the Faith and Order Commission of the World Council of Churches.

He accumulated a large libary of ecclesiastical works, particularly on the history of the Church of Scotland, on which he drew to write his own *Four Centuries of Scottish Worship* (1972). He also contributed the introduction to Cicero's *The Nature of the Gods* in the Penguin Classics series.

In old age Ross's loss of hearing led to his gradual withdrawal from his many activities, including not only listening to classical music but playing it on his own clavichord and fortepiano. Yet his mind retained its energy and curiosity until the end.

He is survived by his wife Helen ("Nella"), and by two sons and two daughters, two daughters having predeceased him.

## ON THIS DAY

### April 10, 1914

*A crumb of comfort for anyone who overstocked the larder before Easter.*

HOT CROSS BUNS

To children the chief aspect of Good Friday is that it is Hot Cross Bun Day. Not that the eating of hot cross buns is confined to children. Many worthy and ordinarily circumspect persons of all ages will commit dietary indiscretions at breakfast this morning which will render them meditative and lethargic — perhaps regretful — for a great part of the day. It is one of the prime advantages of a fine Good Friday that it gives opportunity to walk off the remorse engendered by the breakfast table. The origin of the hot cross buns we know. They were made of the residue of the dough from which the Host was taken and were distributed from the church as alms or given to people who were unable to attend the Sacrament. George Augustus Sala in one of his essays raises the philosophical conundrum: What happens to all the cold cross buns after Good Friday? But there is no mystery about it: "They'll not grow mouldy like the common bread" according to an old rhyme.

The buns, in fact, being made of the same material as the Host, partook of its divine and imperishable nature. They used to be hung up as charms against evil and kept from one Good Friday to another. Railway refreshment rooms have sometimes in the past harboured an idea that all buns were hot cross buns and similarly enduring. Ordinarily a bun is an unexciting thing, simple and unadorned. But of late the hot cross bun has shown a disposition to become ornate, to be made of richer mixtures, and to decorate itself with comfits and preserved fruits and even whipped cream. But these things are plainly heresy. It is of its essence that the cross bun should be humble, unostentatious, if spiced, to be as fragrant as a violet.

The Greeks, we are told, had cross buns — hot or other — independently of Christianity. At all events, they had, as we know from sculptures, cakes marked with a cross, and two such cakes were found in Herculaneum.

The word is at least very old in English. At the end of the 15th century we hear of "whyte Bunnys for pore pepyll", which has a ring suggestive of present-day advertisement. Buns, then, both hot cross and other, have held their place in the affection of the multitude for a respectable number of years, and if anybody finds himself in the later hours of the day regretting the enthusiasm of the breakfast table, the hot cross bun, spiced to just the right degree, served really hot and with a sufficiency of butter, is worth some regrets. One is tempted to wonder why we should deny ourselves the luxury on all the other days in the year.

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## NEWS

### Tories erode Labour poll lead

■ The election came alive for the first time last night as an opinion poll for *The Times* showed that the Conservatives have started to make big inroads into Labour's commanding lead.

The MORI poll, taken on Tuesday, puts the Tories on 34 per cent, up six points since last week, while Labour is down by a similar amount to 49 per cent. The Lib Dems are up a point at 12 per cent. Tony Blair's rating as the most capable Prime Minister has also dropped sharply....... **Pages 1, 9-14, 12, 20, 21**

### Middle England's tax burden

■ Tax changes since 1992 are costing the average household £7 a week, an independent study by the Institute for Fiscal Studies concludes. Those earning between £15,000 and £20,000 a year and the "traditional" single-earning family have been among the biggest losers from the tax rises:.................. **Page 1**

### Deer hunting ban

The National Trust is poised to ban deer hunting with hounds on its land after a two-year scientific study showed that the sport causes the animals unacceptable suffering .................. **Pages 1, 6**

### Football fans policed

German police mounted a massive security operation as thousands of Manchester United fans converged on Dortmund for their team's Champions League semi-final.................. **Page 1**

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American law firms in a new competition drive with the big London law firms have taken or are looking for an extra 137,000 sq ft — three acres — of office space in the City .................. **Page 2**

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An Austrian tourist in London was raped repeatedly by eight teenage boys and then thrown naked into a canal, an Old Bailey jury was told.................. **Page 3**

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Rail workers are being taught how to spot potential suicides in an attempt to reduce the number of people who take their own lives on the railway.................. **Page 5**

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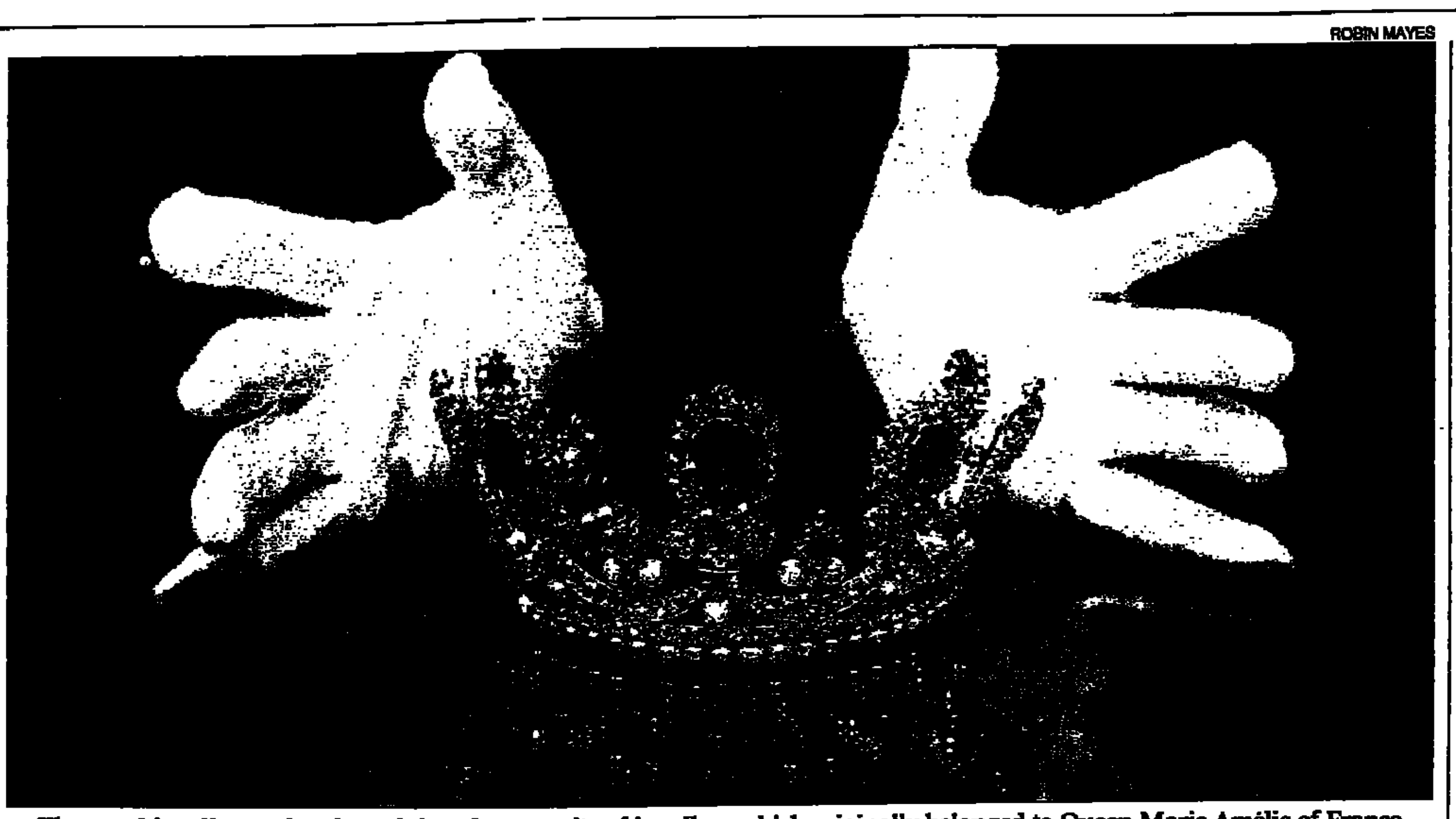
### Hong Kong curbs

Pro-democracy leaders in Hong Kong were dismayed by the government-in-waiting's plans to rein in political parties and curb street protests.......... **Pages 17, 20**

### Get a haircut to get ahead

■ Career women should get a haircut, eschew cardigans and above all, avoid looking like a secretary because they might be asked to make the coffee. The British Sociological Association also heard that big shoulder pads and high heels were a 1980s cliché. Today, tailored jackets with skirt or trousers, sensible shoes and subtle make-up are *de rigueur*.................. **Page 8**

ROBIN MAYES



The sapphire, diamond and pearl tiara from a suite of jewellery which originally belonged to Queen Marie-Amélie of France (1782-1866) and is to be sold by Sotheby's in Geneva for the Comte and Comtesse de Paris. The suite is estimated to fetch £626,000

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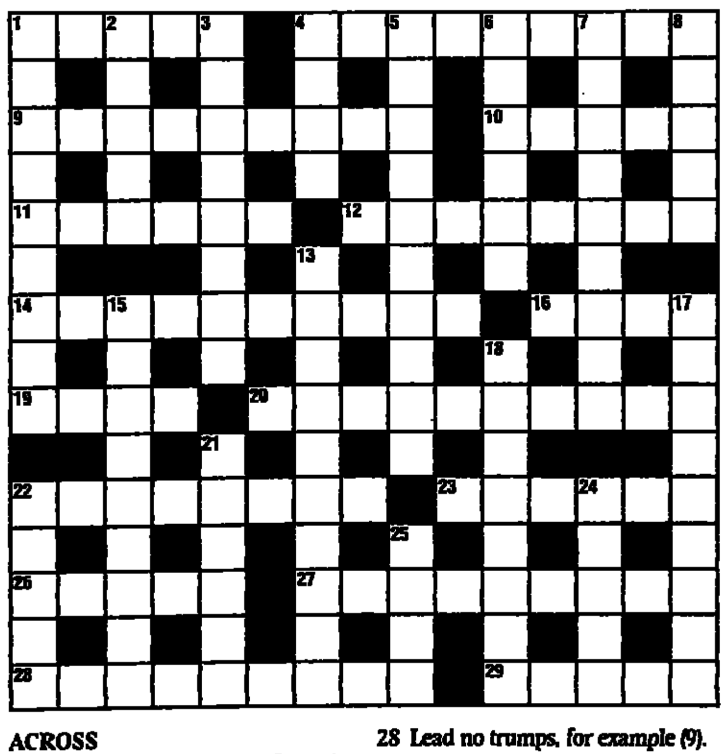

ACROSS

1 Last of a series of twenty-four (5).
4 Affectionate donkey, say, gets a bed of straw (9).
9 How photographer achieves brilliance in news announcement to cry about (5,4).
10 Way Australian bounder starts to settle for the night (5).
11 Main route for movement of heavy guns without damage (6).
12 Mute, but can be understood (8).
14 Worried looks, say, at start of flight (10).
16 Short walk and a drink (4).
19 Sedate idiot (4).
20 Work oneself into a state to raise second XI (3,2,5).
22 Capacity gathering (8).
23 E.g. Marcel's musical fare (6).
26 Jolly girl starts to get rid of stilettos, perhaps (5).
27 One in charge of record store (9).
28 Lead no trumps, for example (9).
29 Being doomed, Nero fiddled after midnight (5).

DOWN

1 Casual switching of parts could get one pushed aside (9).
2 Unequivocal dismissal upheld by court (5).
3 Harpo, oddly, is the source of Marxist maxim (8).
4 Parking not allowed, making one purse one's lips (4).
5 Living-room appropriate for the country (10).
6 Break in quickly, needing part of stirrup tightened (6).
7 Mass of hair needs comber as result of supersonic flight (5,4).
8 Dined in college noisily (5).
13 Have to separate female champions confronting each other (4,2,4).
15 Early boundaries in Yorkshire, say, as good as a hundred elsewhere (9).
17 Rector of Minehead turning into a source of sympathy (9).
18 Testing quality of gold, like gnome (8).
21 It used to prevent one getting into a hole (6).
22 Following behind dowdy old woman (5).
24 Exercise power in Niger capriciously (5).
25 End of puss, abbreviated (4).

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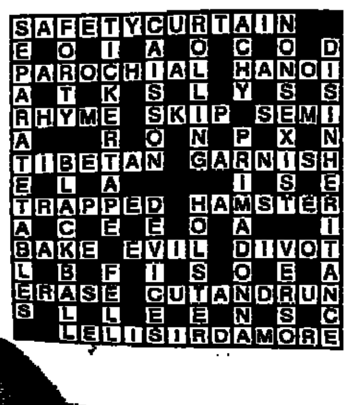

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## FORECAST

☐ **General:** England and Wales will have a chilly start with a touch of ground frost in places and, here and there, some patchy mist. Later it will be bright and dry with long, hazy sunny periods. Winds will be light and it will be very warm.

Scotland and Northern Ireland will generally be dry and bright with sunny periods after any early morning mist or frost has lifted. The north will be cloudier with light rain or drizzle at times.

☐ **London, SE England, E Anglia, Central S England, E Midlands, E England, W Midlands, Channel Isles, SW England, S Wales, N Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man, Central N England, NE England, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Moray Firth:** Early mistiness and ground frost readily clearing . Then dry with long, hazy sunny periods. Winds light westerly. Very warm. Max 19C (66F).

☐ **Aberdeen:** Early mist and ground frost then dry, sunny periods. Cloudier later, outbreaks of rain towards nightfall. Winds moderate westerly. Mild. Max 15C (59F).

☐ **NE Scotland, NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetland:** Rather cloudy but with bright intervals to east of high ground. A little rain or drizzle at times. Winds moderate or fresh westerly. Mild. Max 11C (52F).

☐ **Argyll, N Ireland:** Bright, sunny periods after early mist and ground frost. Some coastal drizzle later. Winds light or moderate westerly. Warm. Max 14C (57F).

☐ **Outlook for Friday and Saturday:** Most areas dry but with more cloud in some eastern areas.

## AROUND BRITAIN YESTERDAY

24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

| | Sun hrs | Rain in | Max C | Max F | | | Sun hrs | Rain in | Max C | Max F | |
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| Aberdeen | X | | | | | London | 9.4 | - | 21 | 70 | s |
| Anglesey | 8.8 | - | 17 | 63 | s | Lowestoft | 7.5 | - | 14 | 57 | s |
| Aspatria | 9.0 | - | 15 | 59 | s | Manchester | 6.6 | - | 18 | 64 | s |
| Aviemore | 5.2 | 0.02 | 12 | 54 | s | Margate | 9.5 | - | 15 | 59 | s |
| Belfast | X | | | | | Minehead | X | | | | |
| Birmingham | 9.9 | - | 19 | 66 | s | Morecambe | 9.6 | - | 14 | 57 | s |
| Bognor R | 11.0 | - | 17 | 63 | s | Newcastle | 9.1 | - | 15 | 59 | s |
| Bournem'th | 11.2 | - | 17 | 63 | s | Newquay | 11.1 | - | 19 | 66 | s |
| Bristol | 9.2 | - | 22 | 72 | s | Norwich | 7.6 | - | 19 | 66 | s |
| Buxton | 7.1 | - | 16 | 61 | s | Oxford | 8.9 | - | 19 | 66 | s |
| Cardiff | 9.0 | - | 18 | 64 | s | Penzance | X | | | | |
| Clacton | X | | | | | Poole | 10.6 | - | 20 | 68 | s |
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| Herne Bay | 7.2 | - | 15 | 59 | s | Swanage | 8.9 | - | 14 | 57 | s |
| Hove | 10.3 | - | 15 | 59 | s | Teignmouth | 11.4 | - | 15 | 59 | s |
| Hunstanton | X | - | 15 | 59 | X | Tenby | 10.2 | - | 16 | 61 | s |
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| Akrotiri | 14 | 57 | f | C'phagn | 5 | 41 | f | Malta | 13 | 55 | f | S Paulo | 21 | 70 | c |
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| Algiers | 20 | 68 | f | Faro | 19 | 66 | f | Mexico C | 19 | 66 | f | Santiago | 22 | 72 | s |
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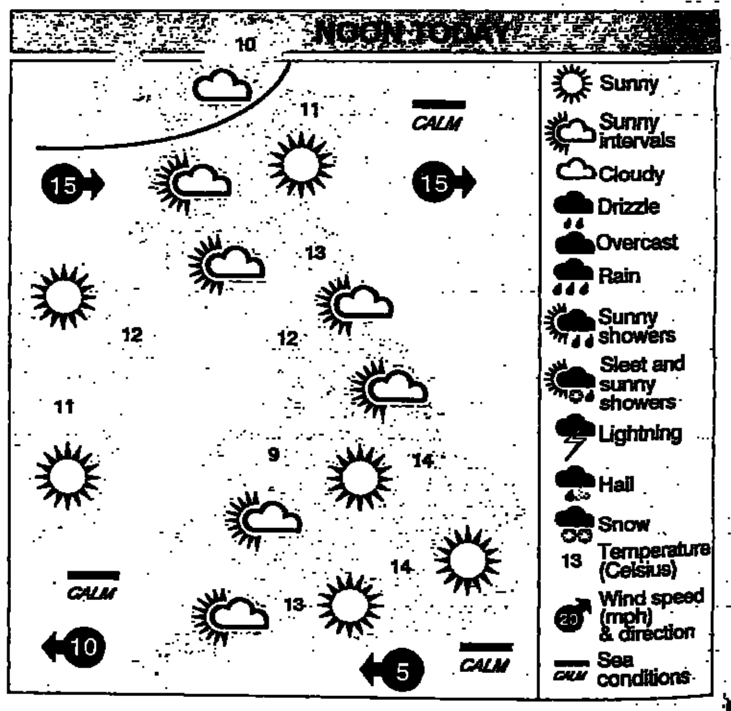
## NOON TODAY



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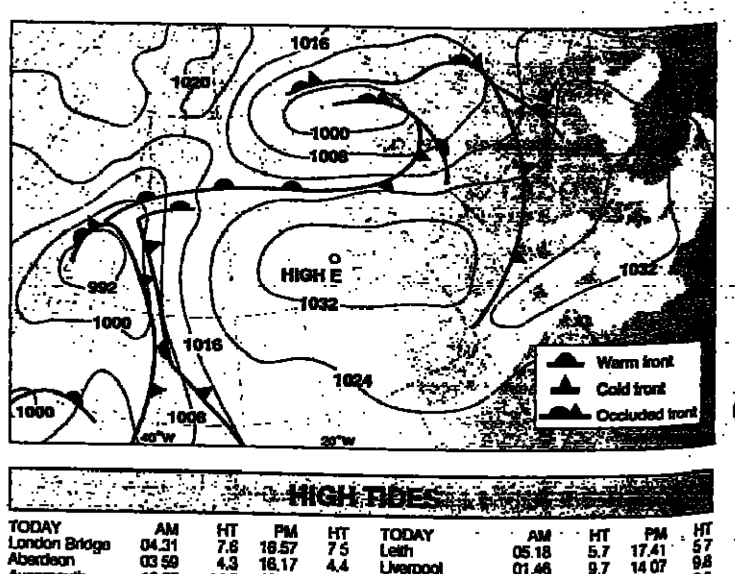

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| Aberdeen | 03.59 | 4.3 | 16.17 | 4.4 | Liverpool | 01.46 | 9.7 | 14.07 | 9.8 |
| Avonmouth | 10.03 | 14.0 | 22.19 | 13.7 | Lowestoft | - | - | 12.21 | 2.5 |
| Belfast | 01.39 | 3.5 | 14.01 | 3.6 | Margate | 02.36 | 4.9 | 15.07 | 4.8 |
| Cardiff | 09.49 | 12.9 | 22.05 | 12.6 | Milford Haven | 09.03 | 7.2 | 21.22 | 7.0 |
| Devonport | 08.42 | 5.6 | 21.01 | 5.5 | Newquay | 07.55 | 7.2 | 20.14 | 7.0 |
| Dover | 01.31 | 6.9 | 13.55 | 6.7 | Oban | 08.31 | 4.0 | 20.35 | 3.9 |
| Dublin (N Wall) | 02.07 | 4.2 | 14.27 | 4.3 | Penzance | 07.24 | 5.7 | 19.42 | 5.6 |
| Falmouth | 08.13 | 5.4 | 20.32 | 5.3 | Portland | 09.51 | 2.1 | 22.00 | 2.0 |
| Greenock | 03.06 | 3.4 | 15.30 | 3.6 | Portsmouth | 01.49 | 4.8 | 14.09 | 4.7 |
| Harwich | 02.22 | 4.3 | 14.47 | 4.1 | Shoreham | 01.43 | 6.5 | 14.07 | 6.4 |
| Holyhead | 00.50 | 5.8 | 13.12 | 5.8 | Southampton | 01.19 | 4.7 | 13.37 | 4.6 |
| Hull (Albert D) | 09.01 | 8.9 | 21.19 | 9.1 | Swansea | 09.07 | 9.8 | 21.24 | 9.5 |
| Ilfracombe | 08.50 | 9.6 | 21.06 | 9.4 | Tees | 06.24 | 5.5 | 18.42 | 5.6 |
| King's Lynn | 09.11 | 6.8 | 21.26 | 7.1 | Walton-on-N | 02.14 | 4.4 | 14.39 | 4.3 |

All times GMT. Heights in metres.

## HOURS OF DARKNESS

Sun rises: 6.16 am
Sun sets: 7.49 pm
Moon sets: 11.35 pm
Moon rises: 8.15 am

London 7.49 pm to 6.14 am
Bristol 7.59 pm to 6.24 am
Edinburgh 8.09 pm to 6.18 am
Manchester 8.01 pm to 6.19 am
Penzance 8.09 pm to 6.38 am

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THURSDAY APRIL 10 1997

# JRA founders in line for £37m bonus

By Marianne Curphey, Insurance Correspondent

THE founders of J Rothschild Assurance, the life office set up by Lord Rothschild and Sir Mark Weinberg, stand to earn up to £12 million each after Prudential yesterday raised its stake in the company by an extra £40 million.

The move by Prudential, the UK's largest insurer, effectively gives it control over JRA just weeks after successfully bidding for Scottish Amicable.

Sir Mark set up JRA in 1991 with backing from Lord Rothschild. He left Allied Dunbar, which he founded in 1971, when it was taken over by BAT Industries in 1989, and established JRA with co-founders Mike Wilson and Keith Carby, both from Allied Dunbar. JRA quickly grew and the move is in effect a reverse takeover of its parent.

Sir Mark, Mr Wilson and Mr Carby will each make up to £2.4 million immediately from the deal when they sell up to 20 per cent in the restructured company to Prudential. Under the terms of the deal Prudential has tabled a £39.6 million plan to increase its stake in St James's Place Capital (SJPC), the life assurance and fund firm that owns 40 per cent of JRA. At the same time SJPC announced a £185 million deal to increase its stake in JRA to 100 per cent.

After the restructuring, Sir Mark and Mr Wilson's total stake will be worth £12 million, and Mr Carby's £10 million. Lord Rothschild yesterday sold three million SJPC shares but will continue to hold a £15 million stake in the new company, representing 3 per cent of its share capital. He will stand down from the board because of other commitments but will become president of SJPC. The restructured company is likely to have a market capitalisation of around £530 million.

If the deal is approved the three founders of JRA will become executive directors of SJPC and will hold a 7 per cent share worth £37 million, or up to £12 million each. All three will sit on the SJPC board, with Sir Mark as chairman and Mr Wilson and Mr Carby taking executive roles. They have agreed to sell to Prudential 20 per cent of the SJPC shares they will receive in exchange for their holdings in JRA. They will immediately make up to £2.4 million each in cash but have promised to keep 80 per cent of their stake for the first year.

The restructuring proposals announced yesterday carry a clause that gives the Rothschild family power to remove the words "J Rothschild" from JRA's name if they feel it is necessary to protect "the integrity of the J Rothschild name".

Weinberg: 'reverse takeover'

In 1994 Lautro, the former watchdog, publicly reprimanded JRA and fined it £100,000 with £40,000 costs for breaking its rules. The misconduct occurred in 1992, JRA's first year of operation. Lautro said JRA had failed to monitor its sales force properly and had not kept adequate records on advice to clients.

Under the terms of its proposal, Prudential will increase its holding to 29.9 per cent, just below the total at which takeover rules dictate that it must make a bid. The deal depends on the successful completion of Prudential's bid for Scottish Amicable, as the mutual's 19.6 per cent stake in JRA plays a major part in Prudential's plans. As part of yesterday's agreement, Prudential and Scottish Amicable have promised not to launch a takeover bid for SJPC for at least a year. The JRA brand name will stay.

Prudential will tender 130p each for 30.5 million shares, representing a 7.7 per cent interest, to top up the Scottish Amicable JRA holding and its own 3.7 per cent stake.

Sir Peter Davis, group chief executive of Prudential, has said that he believes in the longer term it is in the interest of SJPC to remain independently managed and have a separate stock market listing.

Both deals are still subject to shareholder approval, but could be competed by June.

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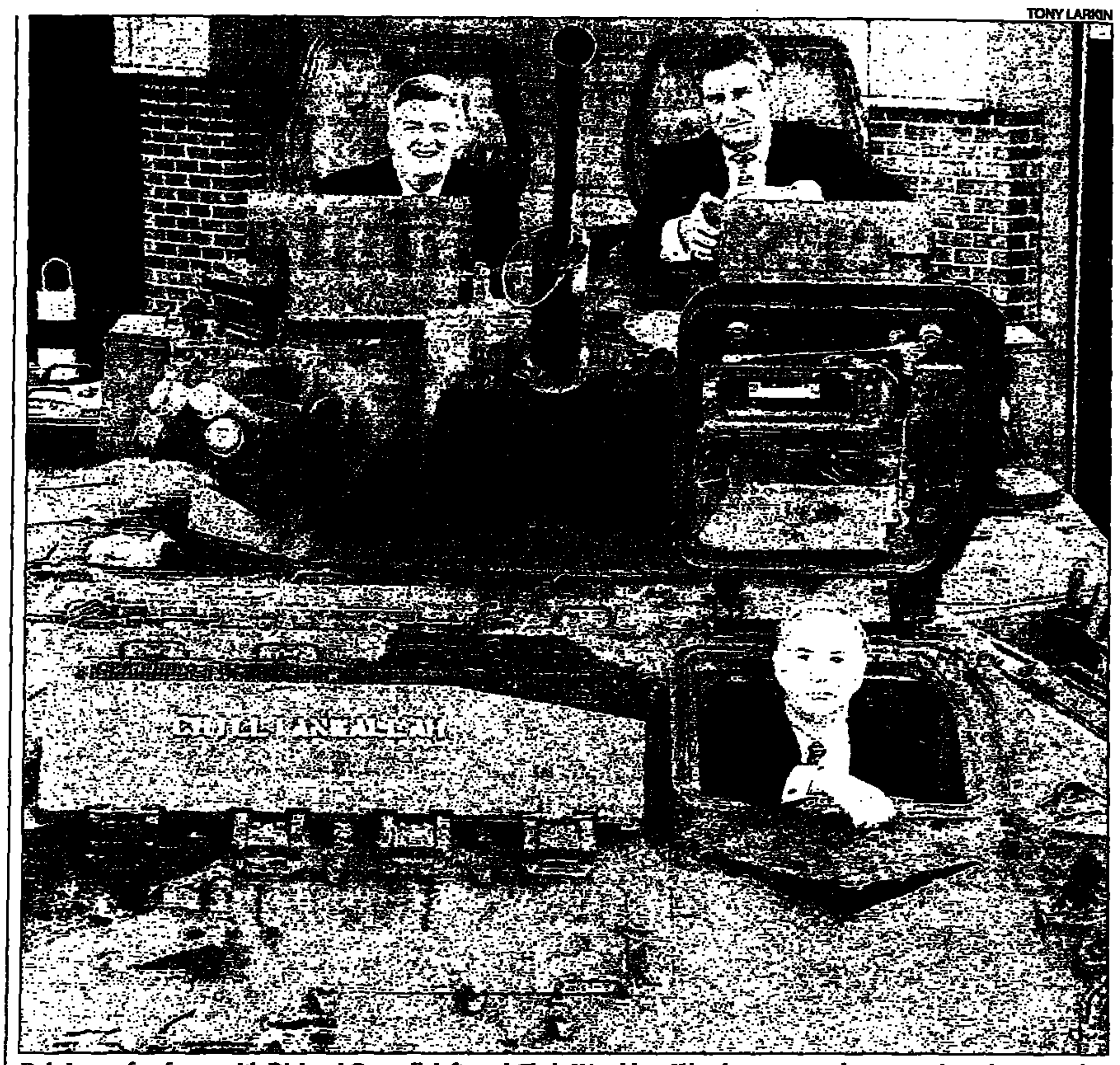
TONY LARKIN



Bob Jones, forefront, with Richard Connell, left, and Chris Ward in a Warrior armoured personnel carrier yesterday

# Warrior targets Armed Forces

By Jon Ashworth

UP TO ten million former servicemen and women are to be offered credit cards, insurance schemes and personal loans under a £104 million deal with Naafi, the long-time purveyor of tea and cakes to the Armed Forces.

Warrior Group, a joint venture between Naafi and HSBC Private Equity, has won the contract to provide financial services to past and present members of the Armed Forces. Naafi lost a £400 million food supply contract to Booker in January and is furiously streamlining operations. Spar has effectively taken over the running of Naafi shops and Lanica Trust is backing a new mail order venture.

Bob Jones becomes chief executive of Warrior, which takes in Naafi's existing financial services division. He took the helm of a Warrior armoured personnel carrier yesterday assisted by Richard Connell, a director of HSBC Private Equity, and Chris Ward of Deloitte & Touche Corporate Finance, which advised on the deal. Ian Lindsay, former banking director at Save & Prosper, becomes non-executive chairman.

About 80,000 of Britain's 300,000 serving members of the forces hold Naafi credit cards and other financial products. Mr Jones said: "Military customers are relatively young, highly mobile and have very different financial needs to the man in the street." The aim is to widen the net to include millions of former Armed Forces members.

Geoffrey Dart, Naafi's chief executive, said that the money raised from the transaction would help Naafi with its restructuring, and allow it to modernise its pubs, clubs and leisure centres.

Naafi has a 32 per cent stake in Warrior.

## BUSINESS TODAY

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| **STOCK MARKET INDICES** | | |
| FTSE 100 | 4292.3 | (+23.0) |
| Yield | 3.75% | |
| FTSE All share | 2087.56 | (+10.37) |
| Nikkei | 17703.37 | (-318.33) |
| New York: | | |
| *Dow Jones* | 6597.87 | (-12.09)* |
| S&P Composite | 765.36 | (-0.76)* |
| **US RATE** | | |
| Federal Funds | 5⅝%* | (5¼%) |
| Long Bond | $94\frac{9}{32}$* | ($94\frac{3}{32}$) |
| Yield | 7.10%* | (7.10%) |
| **LONDON MONEY** | | |
| 3-mth Interbank | $6\frac{11}{32}$% | ($6\frac{11}{32}$%) |
| Liffe long gilt future (Jun) | 109⅛ | ($109\frac{5}{32}$) |
| **STERLING** | | |
| New York: | | |
| $ | 1.6220* | (1.6260) |
| London: | | |
| $ | 1.6233 | (1.6234) |
| DM | 2.7915 | (2.7775) |
| FFr | 9.3932 | (9.3473) |
| SFr | 2.3924 | (2.3869) |
| Yen | 205.38 | (204.63) |
| £ Index | 99.4 | (99.1) |
| **DOLLAR** | | |
| London: | | |
| DM | 1.7248* | (1.7150) |
| FFr | 5.8035* | (5.7710) |
| SFr | 1.4770* | (1.4735) |
| Yen | 126.89* | (126.31) |
| $ Index | 105.8 | (105.5) |
| Tokyo close Yen 126.68 | | |
| **NORTH SEA OIL** | | |
| Brent 15-day (Jun) | $18.30 | ($18.10) |
| **GOLD** | | |
| London close | $348.05 | ($348.45) |

* denotes midday trading price

### Parsons sold

Siemens, the German electronics group, has acquired Parsons Power Generation from Rolls-Royce for £30 million. The deal will save 880 jobs in Newcastle upon Tyne.
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### Biggest deal

Procter & Gamble, the hygiene and household goods group, is making its largest purchase, having agreed to buy Tambrands for $1.8 billion.
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# Manufacturing recovery fragile

By Alasdair Murray

BRITAIN is on the verge of becoming a "two-speed" economy, analysts claimed yesterday, as new data showed that the recovery in the manufacturing sector remains fragile.

Manufacturing output rose by 0.2 per cent in February, according to figures compiled by the Office for National Statistics. The annual rate stood at 1.8 per cent, compared with an upward revised rate in January of 1.8 per cent.

However, the booming service sector rose by 4.75 per cent in the last quarter of 1996 and economists gave warning that the forecast interest rate rises are likely to depress manufacturing further.

Interest rates are forecast to rise by as much as half a percentage point next month, prompting a further rise in sterling. Export demand has picked up in recent months, but manufacturers are starting to suffer from the surge in sterling, with the full impact predicted for later this year.

The pound yesterday continued its rise against the mark, closing up more than a pfennig, at DM2.7909. Sterling has been buoyed by the dollar's recent strength and expectation of interest rate rises. It closed down fractionally at $1.6228, but rose 0.3 points to 99.4 on its trade-weighted index.

Adam Cole, UK economist with HSBC James Capel, believes that economic policy could be going badly astray, with either of the two main political parties likely to raise rates after the election rather than tighten up on spending and taxes, which would not harm manufacturing.

Jonathan Loynes, UK economist with HSBC, said that it is only the strength of domestic demand that has helped, so far, to counteract sterling's rise. Output of durable goods jumped by 2.7 per cent in the three months to February, compared with 1.9 per cent in the three months to Janaury.

Overall industrial output fell by 0.6 per cent, with the annual rate of increase falling from 2.5 per cent to 1.5. Analysts blamed mild weather, which cut demand for energy.

☐ Housing starts fell 1 per cent in the three months to February, against the previous three, the Department of the Environment said.

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# EDS ahead on official IT contracts

By Jason Nissé

ELECTRONIC Data Systems, the American technology group, has won more than half of all the government information technology contracts outsourced as part of the Private Finance Initiative, the Treasury has admitted.

The previously unpublished figures emerge in a document produced by the commercial department of the US Embassy in London and obtained by *Computer Weekly*, the trade magazine.

In the report the embassy says: "They [the Treasury] comment that the UK subsidiary of one US firm has over 50 per cent of the $600 million government market for IT services." The firm is EDS, whose contracts include work for the Inland Revenue and Department of Social Security.

When the Treasury was asked to give information to the House of Commons Public Accounts Committee about the extent of work by EDS for the Government last year, it said that it could not provide any more than "fragmentary information".

# SFA plans tighter risk-rating system

By Robert Miller, Banking Correspondent

CITY trading and broking houses are to have tough new risk ratings imposed on them by a frontline watchdog.

Next week the Securities and Futures Authority (SFA), the regulator for brokers and futures dealers, will unveil plans to introduce the risk-rating system. This could fundamentally alter the way City firms deal with each other, particularly in the volatile futures and options markets.

Incidents such as the £830 million collapse of Barings and NatWest Markets' £90 million black hole that remained undetected for about two years, have prompted City watchdogs, including the Bank of England, to impose more precise risk-rating programmes.

Members of the SFA will be told their individual ratings this summer. They will be based on scores of one for the least risky through to five. The risk ratings will determine the level of attention and inspection visits made by the watchdog and the amount of spare capital they will have to post to cover their business exposure in the markets. In future SFA firms may decide whether to do business together on the basis of the risk ratings that they carry.

The SFA, headed by Nick Durlacher, says: "An important surveillance principle has always been that firms which are poorly run or that 'bother' us for some reason always receive the greatest surveillance oversight." In the forthcoming issue of its *Briefing* magazine the watchdog will set out the general criteria by which firms will be judged and subsequently awarded risk ratings.

The yardsticks by which SFA members will be judged include the financial stability of the company, the quality and strength of its management and internal control systems, and the type of business it does. These and other factors will be fed into an SFA mechanism to produce individual risk ratings.

In moving from a pilot project to the final risk-rating plan the SFA says: "Suitability of internal controls and the experience and competence of a firm's staff and management are now given a heavier weighting."

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# Advice bureaux pension scheme fails

By Caroline Merrell

THE National Association of Citizens Advice Bureaux (Nacab) has been forced to wind up the pension scheme that it offers employees because the scheme does not have enough funds.

The collapse of the scheme will be an embarrassment to Nacab, which employs staff specifically to advise the public about financial matters. Nacab is taking legal action against Bruce & Partners, an independent financial adviser that administered the scheme, seeking compensation for losses that could run into thousands of pounds.

The pension scheme, set up more than ten years ago, offered employees guaranteed benefits linked to their final salary. It now appears that the scheme does not have enough funds to meet these guarantees.

David Evans, Nacab director of personnel, said: "Having realised the scheme was not viable, Nacab has mounted a rescue package. We greatly regret the anxiety caused to members by the failure of the scheme. Arrangements are being made for the transfer of funds to approximately 130 members of the scheme, and everything possible has been done to wind up the scheme in an orderly fashion."

A High Court action against the independent financial adviser, is expected be heard later this year.

The pension was managed by Crown Financial Management, which was taken over by another company, Century Life, late in 1992. Many of the company pension schemes offered by Crown are now being wound up. They were sold by financial advisers to small companies in the late 1980s. They had high charges and paid high rates of commission to advisers. According to the Pensions Ombudsman, about 5,000 former Crown schemes, with total membership of 80,000 people, are being wound up by Century.

Bruce & Partners, based in Cheltenham, was unavailable for comment.

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# TransCo inquiry extended by MMC

By Christine Buckley
Industrial Correspondent

THE Monopolies and Mergers Commission inquiry into price curbs planned for TransCo, BG's gas pipeline network, has been extended until the end of next month. The outcome of the inquiry will not now be known until after the general election.

Until Tuesday night, the investigation, which will determine whether household get a £28 cut in bills and BG loses about £650 million in sales next year, had been scheduled for completion next Monday. But the MMC asked for more time amid speculation that the new information involved revised estimates by TransCo of its operating costs. Significant new information is also thought to have come from Ofgas. Estimates by TransCo of its running costs would be of critical importance to the inquiry.

An MMC spokesman said delays to reports were only asked for "when it was absolutely imperative". The extension follows an 11th-hour meeting between the MMC and Clare Spottiswoode, the gas regulator.

The MMC report will go to the President of the Board of Trade for consideration before publication. Its findings will inevitably cause controversy. If the MMC supports TransCo's appeals against price curbs it will trigger complaints from the gas industry, not least the independent gas suppliers.

A favourable report for Ofgas would have BG warning of job cuts and shareholder losses. The MMC denied that the political climate had influenced its timetable.

A spokeswoman for BG denied the company had made available fresh information and said BG had responded to requests within the timescale. Ofgas said it had given extra information at the request of the MMC.

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# Channel 5 seals £86m Hollywood film deal

CAPITAL PICTURES

Mel Gibson's *Ransom* is one of the films included in Channel 5's deal with Warner Brothers which ITV has criticised

THE movie war between the main TV channels intensified yesterday when Channel 5 signed an estimated £86 million deal with Warner Brothers and ITV sealed an agreement with Universal, worth a reported £43 million (Alexandra Frean writes).

The Channel 5 deal covers all Warner feature films released this year and next, including the new *Batman* film, Mel Gibson's *Ransom*, and *Contact*, starring Jodie Foster. It also covers 190 titles from Warner's library.

Dawn Airey, director of programmes at Channel 5, said the money for the film deal was in addition to the station's £110 million annual programme budget. "This deal will give 5 many of the upcoming box office hits opening in the next two years, demonstrating the channel's commitment to bringing viewers Hollywood's best."

The size of the deal surprised many in the industry and followed a fierce bidding war between Channel 5 and ITV. It led yesterday to accusations from ITV insiders that Channel 5 had conducted a "phoney bidding war", resulting in a "ridiculous escalation of prices that would benefit nobody but Hollywood".

ITV's deal with Universal, covers theatrical releases from 1996 and 1997, and includes the films *Twister*, *The Nutty Professor*, *Dante's Peak* and the latest Jim Carrey movie *Liar, Liar*.

Marcus Plantin, director of the ITV Network Centre, said: "Competition is intense for top quality series. Securing the Universal deal tops up our war chest up to the year 2000."

*United News & Media*, a shareholder in Channel 5 and owner of the ITV franchises for Meridian and Anglia, was in the unusual position of having a foot in both camps.

# Siemens buys ailing R-R power generation plant

By Oliver August

SIEMENS, the German electronics group, has acquired Parsons Power Generation from Rolls-Royce for £30 million. The long-awaited deal, which excludes the power station construction business, will save 880 jobs in Newcastle upon Tyne but a further 400 jobs could be lost when existing contracts end next year.

Siemens will integrate the turbine and rotor divisons into *its worldwide operations. Its* stake in Parsons amounts to turnover of £60 million, out of a total of £150 million, and two thirds of the North Tyneside site. Jürgen Gehrels, chief executive of Siemens UK, said: "We didn't take over '880 people to make them redundant. But there is no guarantee. The only guarantee we will give is that productivity will improve, and Parsons has a long way to go."

Earlier this year Herr Gehrels suggested that Siemens would never invest in Newcastle if Britain rejects a single currency and the European Union. Yesterday he said: "No British Government would be so foolish to do that. Not just Newcastle, all our activities here in the UK would be in jeopardy. The current debate about the single currency is creating a lot of uncertainty and makes investors very nervous."

*Rolls-Royce has been trying* to sell the loss-making Parsons for months. Herr Gehrels said Rolls-Royce's problems resulted from not being a global player in the power sector. Siemens will bring new work and transfer technologies to Newcastle from its *plant in Mühlheim, Germany*.

Siemens also bought the rights to the Parsons name. Herr Gehrels said: "I hope the name will not disappear. We will use it in some way, though not to make power stations."

Under Siemens, Parsons will be run, by Horst Münstermann, who will be *assisted by Bob Hepburn*. Herr Münstermann said that he wanted to improve productivity by introducing new management techniques.

Siemens will also assist the remaining 400 Rolls-Royce workers to complete existing power station contracts on a *sub-contractor basis. The* Parsons plant is only five miles from Siemens new £1.1 billion semiconductor plant.

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# Conrail battle settled

From Richard Thomson in New York

THE long-running US railway bid battle over Conrail has ended with a multibillion-dollar carve-up of the company between the two bidders that radically restructures the East Coast railway system.

Norfolk Southern, whose bid had been rejected by Conrail, will end up with most of the company by paying $5.9 billion for a 58 per cent share. CSX, the other bidder whose offer for Conrail had been agreed by the company, will pay $4.3 billion for 42 per cent.

The two bidders are forming a jointly owned entity to buy all *the outstanding* Conrail shares for $115 each in cash, giving a total of $10.3 billion.

The agreement divides up Conrail's main routes although some lines will be operated jointly.

# Windfall tax could hit customers

By Christine Buckley, Industrial Correspondent

LABOUR'S plans for a windfall tax on the privatised utilities could mean higher prices for customers and *throw a cloud over employment* prospects in the companies. Criticism from the Institute of Fiscal Studies fuels fears over the implications of the tax already raised by the electricity regulator and political opponents.

The IFS, looking at how the tax might be applied, said the tax illustrated a "troubling" trend by politicians to craft *taxes to suit political objectives*.

Lucy Chennells, senior research economist at the IFS, said although the windfall tax — which is expected to raise upwards of £3 billion to fund youth employment — would be imposed on companies, "people pay the tax in the end".

The IFS also said that the *tax was inequitable because it* would hit present shareholders of utilities who are not necessarily those investors which enjoyed benefits from the companies.

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## BUSINESS ROUNDUP

### Election 'slowing home loan advances'

RESEARCH published today by one of the leading mortgage lenders claims that home loan advances are being held up by the election campaign. The mortgage arm of Barclays says that "since the announcement of the date for the general election, people's optimism about house prices and home-moving, which has been growing steadily over the past 12 months, has begun to slow down". The latest Barclays Mortgage Index shows that the value of gross mortgage advances in March was 15 per cent compared with the same period last year. Monthly home loan adances last month were 24 per cent up on February.

Jim Chadwick, a director of Barclays Mortgages, says: "The dip in consumer confidence . . . is likely to be reflected in mortgage advances later in the year. It is unfortunate that people are holding back at an ideal time to buy a home."

### Rolls-Royce sales ahead

SALES of Rolls-Royce cars motored ahead in the first quarter, according to Vickers, the luxury car manufacturer's owner. *Worldwide sales rose 13 per cent to 446 cars*, compared with 396 for January to March 1996. UK sales rose to 236 from 158 for the same period in 1996. However, sales on the Continent and in the Middle East fell sharply. In America, sales rose a modest 2 per cent to 92 cars. Overall, sales are on course to top last year's total of 1,744.

### Antonov suspended

SHARES in Antonov, the engineering *design* company, were suspended yesterday *amid speculation that* it has found the first major customer for its revolutionary automatic gearbox. The shares, which rose 14 per cent to 103½ p on Tuesday, were suspended at 116½ p. Antonov has yet to see a profit. Its AIM-listed shares fell from 151p to 48p last year after its failure to win any sale for its gearbox, claimed to be more efficient and cheaper to make than others. An announcement is due today.

### Ascot on dividend list

ASCOT HOLDINGS, the property group turned conglomerate, is paying its first dividend since November 1991. Shareholders will receive 3.9p per share on June 23. The company made a pre-tax profit £5.9 million in the year to December 31. In the previous year, which is not directly comparable because of the acquisition of Suter and because the year end had been changed, the profit was £19.5 million. Fully diluted earnings per share were 10.5p (59.8p).

### Dowding's dull start

DOWDING & MILLS, the electrical and mechanical repair company, said that it has had a slow start to the year, but that *it should still be able to lift profits by the year end*. The company, which has increased its profits by 30 per cent for the past four years, said that it cannot guarantee maintaining this growth rate. Pre-tax profits rose 27 per cent, to £7.12 million, in the last six months of 1996. Earnings per share were 2.84p (2.2p). An interim dividend of 1.13p is due on May 8.

### Shield switches to UBS

SHIELD DIAGNOSTICS, the high-flying company with a promising heart disease test, has appointed UBS as its brokers and financial advisers in place of Greig Middleton. Two weeks ago Gordon Hall, Shield's chief executive, said the company was "working quite happily with Greig Middleton". Yesterday he said Shield is moving to take advantage of UBS's larger operation. Shield's shares, down 7½ p to 662½ p yesterday, have more than quadrupled this year.

### TV group name change

SCOTTISH TELEVISION, the ITV company, is to change its name to Scottish Media Group to reflect its broader activities in the media sector. Scottish Television began to diversify late last year with the £120 million purchase of Caledonian Publishing, of Glasgow, owner of *The Herald* and *Evening Times. It said the name* change is subject to shareholder approval. Caledonian is making strong contributions to profit and the City expects newspaper interests to expand.

SCOTTISH WIDOWS' FUND AND LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the 183rd Annual General Meeting of the members of the Society will be held within the Sidlaw Auditorium, Edinburgh International Conference Centre, The Exchange, Edinburgh EH3 8EE on Tuesday 6 May 1997 at 11.30am for the following purposes:

- To consider the Accounts and Balance Sheets for the year ended 31 December 1996 and the Reports of the Directors and Auditors.
- To elect or re-elect Directors.
- To fix the remuneration of Directors.
- To re-appoint Price Waterhouse as Auditors.
- To authorise the Directors to fix the remuneration of the Auditors for the current year.
- To transact any other ordinary business proper to an Annual General Meeting.

A member is entitled to appoint a proxy to attend and vote instead of him. A proxy need not also be a member of the Society. To be effective, proxies (and the power of attorney or other authority, if any, under which it is signed, or a notarially certified copy of that power of authority) must reach the Society's principal office not less than two clear working days before the time for holding the Meeting. Members or proxies who intend to be present at the meeting should bring with them details of their policy numbers or in the case of proxies the policy numbers in respect of which they have been appointed proxy, and in all cases some means of identification. Registration will commence at 11.00am.

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# Oftel moves nearer to a free phone market

By Eric Reguly

OFTEL, *the telecommunications* regulator, yesterday moved closer towards the creation of a free phone market with proposals to make number portability, which allows customers to keep their phone number when they change operators, mandatory *across the industry*.

The lack of portability was considered a major barrier to unfettered competition in the residential and business phone markets.

Oftel wants to make number portability a licence obligation for all operators. Currently, only British Telecom is required to provide portability. The cable *companies welcomed the* announcement. They have been the prime beneficiaries of BT's portability obligation and expect to gain more customers as the system becomes universal.

The cable companies had 2.3 million telephony customers at the start of the year and *are gaining more than 70,000* new customers each month, mostly from BT.

Don Cruickshank, Director-General of Telecommunications, said: "Number portability eliminates the hassle of changing your phone number when changing operator. This enables consumers to take advantage of the increasing competition in the market."

## TOURIST RATES

| | Bank Buys | Bank Sells | | Bank Buys | Bank Sells |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Australia $ | 2.18 | 2.02 | Malta | 0.657 | 0.602 |
| Austria Sch | 20.54 | 19.04 | Netherlds Gld | 3.295 | 3.045 |
| Belgium Fr | 60.50 | 56.00 | New Zealand $ | 2.49 | 2.27 |
| Canada $ | 2.373 | 2.203 | Norway Kr | 11.79 | 10.99 |
| Cyprus Cyp£ | 0.863 | 0.803 | Portugal Esc | 291.50 | 271.50 |
| Denmark Kr | 11.16 | 10.36 | S Africa Rd | 7.79 | 6.99 |
| Finland Mkk | 8.84 | 8.16 | Spain Pta | 246.00 | 229.00 |
| France Fr | 9.81 | 9.11 | Sweden Kr | 13.22 | 12.22 |
| Germany Dm | 2.94 | 2.72 | Switzerland Fr | 2.52 | 2.34 |
| Greece Dr | 454 | 428 | Turkey Lira | 218797 | 204797 |
| Hong Kong $ | 13.33 | 12.23 | USA $ | 1.724 | 1.594 |
| Iceland | 120 | 100 | | | |
| Ireland Pt | 1.10 | 1.02 | | | |
| Israel Shk | 5.79 | 5.14 | | | |
| Italy Lira | 2902 | 2702 | | | |
| Japan Yen | 219.80 | 203.80 | | | |

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# New chiefs at troubled Costain

By Oliver August

COSTAIN, the troubled construction company, yesterday welcomed a new chairman and a new chief executive.

*John Armitt took over* as chief executive after the resignation of Alan Lovell on Wednesday in the wake of the group's difficult financial position.

The present chairman, Azman Firdaus Shaffi, also resigned to head Mega Corp, which bought Costain's 30 per cent stake in the Spitalfields development in the City.

Dr Azman, who is leaving the board of Intria, Costain's main shareholder, will be replaced by Dato' Jaafar bin Dato' Abdul Hamid, Intria's chairman.

A *Costain spokesman* denied that Dr Azman had resigned over the group's financial position or the onslaught from environmental protesters that board members have had to face. Dr Azman was shouted down and forced out of a meeting hall by Newbury bypass protesters last year.

Dr Azman left Intria after a restructuring of the group. Intria rescued Costain last year with a £78 million cash injection.

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☐ Deferral of MMC pipeline ruling looks advisable ☐ Ken and Eddie go through the motions ☐ Great name sold for a song

# Gas-fired guessing game

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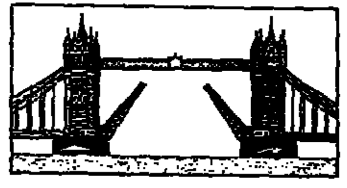

☐ MANY have tried to second-guess the Monopolies and Mergers Commission and place bets on the outcome of its various deliberations before they are revealed to the world. Those investors who have been buying into BG, one half of the old British Gas, are the latest in a long line. The success rate of such gamblers has tended to be about fifty-fifty, which suggests they would have done as well on the roulette wheel.

The MMC is a hermetically sealed institution. The panel takes evidence from anyone affected — in BG's case, in the inquiry into charges allowed by its TransCo pipeline subsidiary, from the company, from the Office of Gas Regulation (Ofgas), from various consumer groups pushing for lower prices and from independent gas suppliers.

With each witness the inquiry tends to take a devil's advocate position, requiring them to defend their respective positions. This may be taken by those involved as opposition to that position. The rash of stories that the MMC was inclined to weaken the tough proposals put forward by Clare Spottiswoode of Ofgas may have come from just such an assumption by one of the gas independents.

The rumours have pushed the BG share price up by 20p or so since the end of last month. Then Ms Spottiswoode was called into the MMC on Tuesday, an unusual step just days before its report was due. Surely she was being warned that she was about to be undermined by the only court of appeal available to regulated companies, the MMC?

Beautifully logical, and wrong, wrong, wrong. The MMC was telling her that its inquiry would be extended until after the election. This means, at least if one believes the opinion polls, that the final arbiter of its decision will not be Ian Lang, the current President of the Board of Trade.

On this basis a deferral of the ruling looks sensible, not least because of Mr Lang's refusal to decide on pretty well anything ahead of the election. The implications for BG and its share price are — well, your guess is as good as the next speculator's. The ruling is not going to be worse than Ms Spottiswoode's proposals — but it might be no better. These, BG assures us, would be a disaster. The market is assuming they would lead to a cut in the dividend to former British Gas shareholders from 14.5p last year to about 5p, all from BG as the other successor company, Centrica, is in no position to pay dividends.

On that basis, BG's current share price is hard to defend. If the dividend has to come down any more — and on some calculations of what would be left of TransCo earnings it may have to be halved again — the price is way ahead of events.

We simply do not know. Anyone who tells you otherwise may have their own reasons for talking up the BG share price.

## When growth is booming

☐ WHEN is a boom not a boom, but steady, sustainable economic growth? The answer is three weeks before the election — unless you happen to be a slogan writer for the Conservatives. Such a novel interpretation of economics is unlikely to feature at today's little chat between Kenneth Clarke and Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England, but this is only because both know their parts in the dialogue too well to need any more prompting.

Mr George will opine that base rates should be at anything up to 7 per cent. He will know he is wasting his breath, but it will be useful practice for the May meeting with whoever is Chancellor then. Mr Clarke may cite yesterday's industrial production data, saying industry is too fragile to support a rise in base rates. This is not that unreasonable. Industrial production was depressed by one-off falls in energy output, and this will reverse in due course.

But manufacturing output was only growing at 1.8 per cent year-on-year, a long way from excessive. Strong sterling will continue to hit companies that have only just brought stocks into line with lower continental demand. A high pound for too long, and more of UK manufacturing may be at risk as companies decide it is an economic fact of life and decide to build it into their investment plans.

Yesterday's figures and last week's data on the service sector, now growing at 4 per cent or so, show that the two-speed economy is well established. You cannot slow down one part without endangering the other, an argument turned on its head by Mr George last week when he suggested that protection for manufacturing was no excuse for stoking up inflation. Such chicken-and-egg arguments will feature high on the agenda of whoever occupies No 11 this summer.

## Sad history of Parsons

☐ IT IS enough to make you weep. Parsons, one of the great names of British engineering, is being sold for just £30 million.

The tangled history of heavy engineering in the North East provides a telling barometer of industrial decline. Sir Charles Parsons, inventor of the steam turbine, formed the company in 1889. He was a man worthy of inclusion on the same list as James Watt, John Logie Baird and Isambard Kingdom Brunel, which is where he appeared recently in a poll of scientists asked by *The Times* for a roll call of British inventive genius.

At the same time, a French immigrant, Alphonse Reyrolle, was starting to make switching gear in the North East. The two came together — Reyrolle is staying with Rolls-Royce — and found their way into Northern Engineering Industries, a name with a rather hollow ring today. Rolls-Royce bought NEI for £300 million in 1989, by which time the decline of Parsons was probably unstoppable. Its main customer was the old CEGB, until this was broken up. Like much of British engineering, Parsons waited for the world to come to it, and the world stayed away.

The company was knocked out to Siemens; on the same day, the financial services arm of the Naafi, a body that few outside the Services can have even known existed, went for more than three times the asking price for Parsons. *Sic transit gloria mundi.*

## Holiday discord

☐ A SURVEY of finance directors, carried out by the indefatigable Reed Accountancy Personnel, shows that nine out of ten believe it is vital for people to take their full holiday entitlement in order to function, but less than two thirds of them do so. Translated, this says that we are nearly all of us responsible, caring employers, but at least a third of us are too important to skip work for all that long.

# Tomkins pays £372m for US automotive company

By Sarah Cunningham

TOMKINS, the conglomerate whose interests span Smith & Wesson and Ranks Hovis McDougall, has agreed to buy Stant Corporation of America for £372 million.

Stant, which is quoted on Nasdaq, manufactures automotive components, including windshield wiping systems, wiper blades, closure caps and engine thermostats. It will be integrated with Tomkins' last major acquisition, the US automotive hosemaker Gates, for which it paid £750 million last year.

Stant has more than 7,000 employees and last year achieved sales of £403 million. Greg Hutchings, executive chairman of Tomkins, said that the integration will take about a year but that the deal will be earnings-enhancing immediately.

He said that Tomkins is continuing to look for other acquisitions and would be happy to spend a similar amount or more if an opportunity appeared, but another bolt-on to Gates is unlikely.

Tomkins is launching a tender offer for all Stant's shares at $21.50 per share in cash, valuing Stant's total equity at £249 million. This will be paid from Tomkins cash resources. It will also assume £123 million of debt. At the half-year, Tomkins had cash of £394 million.

Bessemer Capital Partners of New York, which owns 56.9 per cent of Stant's issued capital, has agreed to tender its shares to Tomkins. Tomkins hopes to close the deal in the middle of next month, subject to US regulatory approval.

In the year to December 31, Stant's operating profit was £34.7 million and pre-tax profit was £23.8 million. Net assets were £123 million, including intangibles.

Mr Hutchings said: "Stant expands our product offering to the automotive original equipment market and increases the range of volume or products we can distribute through Gates's established channels to the aftermarket."

There will be cost savings because Tomkins will not need to maintain two marketing operations, he added.

Mr Hutchings has been under some pressure from investors to buy back shares but he has insisted that such a move would stifle Tomkins' ability to consider large takeovers. He said yesterday that the new acquisition "demonstrates the effectiveness of our strategy of maintaining cash as a strategic asset in readiness for suitable acquisition opportunities".

The City reacted well to yesterday's deal and Tomkins' shares rose 7½p, to 282½p.

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# Smiths has £400m for acquisition

SMITHS INDUSTRIES, the aircraft electronics and medical instruments group, could afford to spend up to £400 million on its next acquisition without seeking more money from its shareholders, it emerged yesterday (Paul Durman writes).

Alan Thomson, finance director, said Smiths could borrow this amount before thinking about issuing new shares. City analysts believe that the company's strong cashflow would allow it to spend up to £500 million.

Smiths was reporting a 15 per cent rise in underlying pre-tax profits to £80.2 million for the six months to February 1. The interim dividend rises 10 per cent to 6.15p a share.

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# Revenue boost for Allders

By Sarah Cunningham

A SURPRISE concession by the Inland Revenue has led Allders, the retail group, to revive plans for a share consolidation that were aborted last year after Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, scrapped tax benefits on some special dividend schemes.

The concession raises hopes for other companies that were forced by the change in rules to forgo special dividend plans. These include Reuters, the news and financial information group, which pulled out of a plan to return £613 million to shareholders through special dividend shares. Reuters declined to comment yesterday, beyond saying that its long-term intent is still to return some cash to shareholders.

Last September Allders proposed paying a 46p special dividend, conditional on a share consolidation, as a way of redistributing part of the £100 million cash pile arising from the sale of its duty free operations to Swissair.

After the Chancellor's announcement in October, Allders advised shareholders to vote against the consolidation, but it went ahead with the special dividend.

Allders is now advising shareholders to vote in favour of a 15-for-19 consolidation. Assuming that it goes ahead, Allders will be able to release a £1.5 million provision made to cover the cost of compensating the option holders who had stood to lose out under the altered deal.

# Bonus deal nets Thistle chief £1.3m

ROBERT PEEL, chief executive of the newly floated Thistle Hotels, received £1.3 million in 1996 (George Sivell writes). The annual report and accounts show his salary and fees of £264,000 were enhanced with £1.01 million of performance related share bonuses and one-off bonuses.

Norbert Petersen, senior operations director, received £664,537, made up of £153,819 salary and £502,673 share and one-off cash bonuses.

Mr Peel and Mr Petersen received a £500,000 and £250,000 cash bonus respectively to replace entitlements agreed to when Thistle was acquired by Brierley Investments in 1992.

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## BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND
## NOTICE OF LOCAL INQUIRY
## Supplementary Review of European Parliamentary Constituencies

NOTICE is given today, 10 April 1997, that local inquiries are to be held by the Boundary Commission for England into their provisional recommendations, made under the European Parliamentary Elections Act 1978 (as amended) for the European Parliamentary Constituencies (EPC) listed below. The Commission published their provisional recommendations on 7 November 1996.

1) For the East Yorkshire and North Lincolnshire (No.7) EPC, the inquiry will be conducted by the Assistant Commissioner, Mr Richard Sunon, Barrister-at-Law. It will open on:-

**THURSDAY 3 JULY 1997 AT 10.30AM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, CROSS STREET, BEVERLEY**

2) For the Lancashire Central (No.8), Lancashire South (No.9), Merseyside West (No.12), Merseyside East and Wigan (No.13), Cheshire West and Wirral (No.14), Greater Manchester West (No.15), Greater Manchester East (No.16), Greater Manchester Central (No.17), Cheshire East (No.18) and Staffordshire West and Congleton (No.25) EPCs, the inquiry will be conducted by the Assistant Commissioner, Mr Alaric Dalziel, Barrister-at-Law. It will open on:-

**WEDNESDAY 16 JULY 1997 AT 10.30AM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, MANCHESTER**

3) For the Peak District (No.22), Nottinghamshire North and Chesterfield (No.23), Nottingham and Leicestershire North West (No.27), Leicester (No.28) and Northamptonshire and Blaby (No.36) EPCs, the inquiry will be conducted by the Assistant Commissioner, Mr James Gibbs, Barrister-at-Law. It will open on:-

**TUESDAY 1 JULY 1997 AT 10.30AM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNCIL HOUSE, MARKET SQUARE, NOTTINGHAM**

4) For the Herefordshire and Shropshire (No.31), Birmingham West (No.32), Birmingham East (No.34), Worcestershire and South Warwickshire (No.38) and Gloucestershire (No.41) EPCs, the inquiry will be conducted by the Assistant Commissioner, Miss Claire Andrews, Barrister-at-Law. It will open on:-

**TUESDAY 17 JUNE 1997 AT 10.30AM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, WORCESTER**

5) For the Essex North and Suffolk South (No.40), Hertfordshire (No.43) and Essex West and Hertfordshire East (No.44) EPCs, the inquiry will be conducted by the Assistant Commissioner, Mr William Stewart-Smith, Barrister-at-Law. It will open on:-

**TUESDAY 24 JUNE 1997 AT 10.30AM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, CHELMSFORD**

6) For the Kent West (No.51), Kent East (No.52), Sussex West (No.57) and East Sussex and Kent South (No.58) EPCs, the inquiry will be conducted by the Assistant Commissioner, Mr Peter Birts QC. It will open on:-

**MONDAY 14 JULY 1997 AT 10.30AM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, TUNBRIDGE WELLS**

7) For the Bristol (No.46), Wiltshire North and Bath (No.47), Hampshire North and Oxford (No.48), Somerset and North Devon (No.53), Itchen, Test and Avon (No.54), Wight and Hampshire South (No.55), South Downs West (No.56), Cornwall and West Plymouth (No.59), Devon and East Plymouth (No.60) and Dorset and East Devon (No.61) EPCs, the inquiry will be conducted by the Assistant Commissioner, Mr George Bartlett QC. It will open on:-

**TUESDAY 24 JUNE 1997 AT 10.30AM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, TAUNTON**

to discuss the provisional recommendations for the Bristol (No.46), Wiltshire North and Bath (No.47), Somerset and North Devon (No.53), Cornwall and West Plymouth (No.59), Devon and East Plymouth (No.60) and Dorset and East Devon (No.61) EPCs, and it will continue on:-

**WEDNESDAY 2 JULY 1997 AT 10.30AM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC CENTRE, SOUTHAMPTON**

to discuss the provisional recommendations for the Wiltshire North and Bath (No.47), Hampshire North and Oxford (No.48), Itchen, Test and Avon (No.54), Wight and Hampshire South (No.55), South Downs West (No.56) and Dorset and East Devon (No.61) EPCs. Interested parties who wish to make representations concerning the Wiltshire North and Bath (No.47) and Dorset and East Devon (No.61) EPCs are advised to attend both venues.

8) For the Thames Valley (No.49), Surrey (No.50), London North West (No.62), London North (No.63), London East (No.64), London South East (No.65), London South Inner (No.66), London South West (No.67), London West (No.68), London Central (No.69), London North East (No.70) and London South and Surrey East (No.71) EPCs, the inquiry will be conducted by the Assistant Commissioner, Mr Andrew Smith QC. It will open on:-

**MONDAY 21 JULY 1997 AT 10.30AM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, HORNTON STREET, KENSINGTON**

Any interested person, whether a supporter of or objector to the Commission's proposals may attend and be heard. The Commission would urge all interested parties to attend and make their views known. It should not be assumed that each inquiry will only discuss matters raised in representations submitted within the period allowed, nor that the Commission's provisional recommendations will remain unchanged.

Representations made in respect of the remaining European Parliamentary Constituencies did not require local inquiries to be held and the Commission decided not to use their discretion to hold any further inquiries.

The provisional recommendations, copies of the representations made to the Commission (together with a summary) and a statement made by the Commission, which will be introduced formally at each inquiry, are open for public inspection at:-

**Inquiry No.1 - Beverley (Yorkshire)**

**HUMBERSIDE (former non-metropolitan county)**
Council Offices, Anlaby House, ANLABY; Council Offices, The Hall, Lairgate, BEVERLEY; Town Hall, BRIDLINGTON; Hewson House, Station Road, BRIGG; Town Hall, HESSLE; Greenwood Avenue Library, Greenwood Avenue, HULL; Guildhall, Alfred Gelder Street, HULL; Pittwood House, Ashby Road, SCUNTHORPE.

**Inquiry No.2 - Manchester (Northwest)**

**CHESHIRE**
Council Offices, The Forum, CHESTER; Municipal Buildings, Earle Street, CREWE; Council Offices, 4 Civic Way, ELLESMERE PORT; Council Offices, Toft Road, KNUTSFORD; Town Hall, MACCLESFIELD; Information Centre, 1 The Arcade, NORTHWICH; Council Offices, Westfields, Middlewich Road, SANDBACH; Town Hall, Sankey Street, WARRINGTON; Orford Branch Library, Poplars Avenue, Orford, WARRINGTON; Municipal Buildings, Kingsway, WIDNES; Council Offices, Wyvern House, The Drumber, WINSFORD.

**GREATER MANCHESTER**
Town Hall, Market Street, ALTRINCHAM; Town Hall, Bryn Street, ASHTON-IN-MAKERFIELD; Council Offices, Wellington Road, ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE; Town Hall, BOLTON; Town Hall, Knowsley Street, BURY; Information Centre, 6 Station Road, CHEADLE HULME; Information Office, Market Street, DENTON; Town Hall, FARNWORTH; Civic Hall, HAZEL GROVE; Information Office, Town Hall, HYDE; Town Hall, LEIGH; Town Hall, MANCHESTER; Gorton Library, Garratt Way, MANCHESTER; Moston Library, Moston Lane, MANCHESTER; Withington Library, 410 Wilmslow Road, MANCHESTER; Wythenshawe Central Library, The Forum Centre, MANCHESTER; Council Offices, Sadler Street, MIDDLETON; Civic Centre, West Street, OLDHAM; Prestwich Library, Longfield Centre, PRESTWICH; Chief Executive's Department, Town Hall, ROCHDALE; Town Hall, Bexley Square, SALFORD; Town Hall, STOCKPORT; Town Hall, Talbot Road, STRETFORD; Civic Centre, Chorley Road, SWINTON; Public Library, St.Chad's, UPPERMILL; Town Hall, WESTHOUGHTON; New Town Hall, Library Street, WIGAN; Council Offices, Bridgewater Road, WORSLEY.

**LANCASHIRE**
Council Offices, Eagle Street, ACCRINGTON; Town Hall, King William Street, BLACKBURN; Town Hall, BLACKPOOL; Town Hall, Manchester Road, BURNLEY; Town Hall, Market Street, CHORLEY; Council Offices, Church Walk, CLITHEROE; Area Offices, Lord Street, FLEETWOOD; Civic Centre, West Paddock, LEYLAND; Town Hall, LYTHAM ST. ANNE'S; Town Hall, Market Street, NELSON; Council Offices, 52 Derby Street, ORMSKIRK; Town Hall, PRESTON; Town Hall, RAWTENSTALL.

**MERSEYSIDE**
Information Office, Civic Centre, BEBINGTON; Birkenhead Central Library, Borough Road, BIRKENHEAD; Town Hall, Oriel Road, BOOTLE; Town Hall, Great Georges Road, CROSBY; Municipal Buildings, Archway Road, HUYTON; Public Library, Newtown Gardens, KIRKBY; Allerton Library, Allerton Road, Garston, LIVERPOOL; Council Offices, 5 Cross-hall Street, LIVERPOOL; Norris Green Library, Townsend Avenue, West Derby, LIVERPOOL; Old Swan Library, Prescot Road, Broadgreen, LIVERPOOL; Walton Library, Evered Avenue, Walton, LIVERPOOL; Newton-Le-Willows District Library, Crow Lane East, NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS; Town Hall, Corporation Street, ST. HELENS; Town Hall, Lord Street, SOUTHPORT; Town Hall, Brighton Street, WALLASEY; Information Office, The Concourse, WEST KIRBY.

**STAFFORDSHIRE**
Council Offices, CODSALL; Council Offices, Moorlands House, Stockwell Street, LEEK; Civic Offices, Merrial Street, NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME; Civic Offices, Riverside, STAFFORD; Civic Centre Glebe Street, STOKE-ON-TRENT; Longton Library, Lightwood Road, Longton, STOKE-ON-TRENT; Tunstall Library, The Boulevard, Tunstall, STOKE-ON-TRENT; Area Offices, Station Road, STONE.

**Inquiry No. 3 - Nottingham (East Midlands)**

**DERBYSHIRE**
Council Offices, Sherwood Lodge, BOLSOVER; Council Offices, Hayfield Road, CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH; Town Hall, CHESTERFIELD; Area Office, High Street, DRONFIELD; Town Hall, ILKESTON; Town Hall, MATLOCK; Town Hall, Market Place, RIPLEY.

**LEICESTERSHIRE**
Parish Council Offices, Village Hall, Birstall Road, BIRSTALL; Council Offices, Whitwick Road, COALVILLE; Council Offices, Argents Mead, HINCKLEY; Beaumont Leys Library, Beaumont Way, LEICESTER; St.Barnabas Library, French Road, LEICESTER; New Walk Centre, Welford Place, LEICESTER; Council Offices, Southfields, LOUGHBOROUGH; Council Offices, Adam and Eve Street, MARKET HARBOROUGH; Council Offices, NARBOROUGH; Rutland County Council Offices, Catmose, OAKHAM.

**LINCOLNSHIRE**
Council Offices, St.Peter's Hill, GRANTHAM.

**NORTHAMPTONSHIRE**
Civic Centre, George Street, CORBY; Council Offices, Lodge Road, DAVENTRY; Municipal Offices, Bowling Green Road, KETTERING; The Guildhall, St.Giles Square, NORTHAMPTON; Weston Favell Housing Office, Billing Brook Road, NORTHAMPTON; Council Offices, Swanspool, WELLINGBOROUGH.

**NOTTINGHAMSHIRE**
Civic Centre, Arnot Hill Park, ARNOLD; Council Offices, Foster Avenue, BEESTON; Council Offices, Urban Road, KIRKBY-IN-ASHFIELD; Civic Centre, Chesterfield Road South, MANSFIELD; Council Offices, Kelham, NEWARK; Town Hall, Sherwood Drive, NEW OLLERTON; Bulwell Branch Library, Highbury Vale, Bulwell, NOTTINGHAM; Sneinton Branch Library, Sneinton Boulevard, NOTTINGHAM; The Guildhall, Burton Street, NOTTINGHAM; Civic Centre, Pavilion Road, WEST BRIDGFORD; Council Offices, Queen's Buildings, Potter Street, WORKSOP.

**STAFFORDSHIRE**
Council Offices, Moorlands House, Stockwell Street, LEEK; Civic Offices, Merrial Street, NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME.

**Inquiry No.4 - Worcester (West Midlands)**

**GLOUCESTERSHIRE**
Municipal Offices, Promenade, CHELTENHAM; Council Offices, Trinity Road, CIRENCESTER; Council Offices, High Street, COLEFORD; Council Offices, North Warehouse, The Docks, GLOUCESTER; Council Offices, Ebley Mill, Westward Road, STROUD; Council Offices, Gloucester Road, TEWKESBURY.

**HEREFORD AND WORCESTER**
The Council House, Burcot Lane, BROMSGROVE; Evesham Library, Oat Street, EVESHAM; Town Hall, HEREFORD; Council Offices, Grange House, LEOMINSTER; The Council House, Avenue Road, MALVERN; Town Hall, Alcester Street, REDDITCH; Civic Centre, STOURPORT-ON-SEVERN; The Guildhall, WORCESTER.

**SHROPSHIRE**
Council Offices, Stone House, Corve Street, LUDLOW; The Council Shop, High Street, NEWPORT; Council Offices, Castle View, OSWESTRY; Guildhall, Dogpole, SHREWSBURY; Council Offices, Malinslee House, TELFORD.

**WARWICKSHIRE**
Town Hall, LEAMINGTON SPA; Town Hall, RUGBY; Council Offices, Elizabeth House, Church Street, STRATFORD-UPON-AVON.

**WEST MIDLANDS**
Elections Office, 150 Great Charles Street, Queensway, BIRMINGHAM; Erdington Library, Orphanage Road, Erdington, BIRMINGHAM; Hall Green Library, 1221 Stratford Road, Hall Green, BIRMINGHAM; Harborne Library, High Street, Harborne, BIRMINGHAM; King's Heath Library, High Street, King's Heath, BIRMINGHAM; Northfield Library, 77 Church Road, Northfield, BIRMINGHAM; Perry Common Library, College Road, Perry Barr, BIRMINGHAM; South Yardley Library, Yardley Road, South Yardley, BIRMINGHAM; Sparkhill Library, 641 Stratford Road, Sparkhill, BIRMINGHAM; Ward End Library, Washwood Heath Road, Ward End, BIRMINGHAM; Sutton Coldfield Library, Lower Parade, SUTTON COLDFIELD; Aldridge Branch Library, Rookery Lane, Aldridge, WALSALL; Bloxwich Library, Elmore Row, Bloxwich, WALSALL; Council Offices, Darwall Street, WALSALL; Town Hall, WEDNESBURY; Sandwell Central Library, High Street, WEST BROMWICH.

**Inquiry No.5 - Chelmsford (East Anglia)**

**ESSEX**
Council Offices, Causeway House, BRAINTREE; Council Offices, Ingrave Road, BRENTWOOD; Civic Centre, Duke Street, CHELMSFORD; Central Services Department, Westleigh House, Carnarvon Road, CLACTON-ON-SEA; Town Hall, COLCHESTER; Civic Offices, High Street, EPPING; Town Hall, HARLOW; Council Offices, Princes Road, MALDON; Council Offices, London Road, SAFFRON WALDEN; Council Offices, WEELEY.

**HERTFORDSHIRE**
Council Offices, The Causeway, BISHOP'S STORTFORD; Civic Offices, Elstree Way, BOREHAMWOOD; Town Hall, Leyton Road, HARPENDEN; Civic Centre, Marlowes, HEMEL HEMPSTEAD; Council Offices, Gernon Road, LETCHWORTH; Council Offices, Three Rivers House, Northway, RICKMANSWORTH; Civic Centre, St.Peters Street, ST. ALBANS; Council Offices, Daneshill House, Danestrete, STEVENAGE; Borough Offices, Bishops' College, Churchgate, Cheshunt, WALTHAM CROSS; Town Hall, WATFORD; Council Offices, The Campus, WELWYN GARDEN CITY.

**SUFFOLK**
Council Offices, Angel Hill, BURY ST.EDMUNDS; Council Offices, Corks Lane, HADLEIGH.

**Inquiry No.6 - Tunbridge Wells (South East)**

**EAST SUSSEX**
Town Hall, BEXHILL-ON-SEA; South District Housing Office, Lavender Street, BRIGHTON; Town Hall, Bartholomew Square, BRIGHTON; Council Offices, Pine Grove, CROWBOROUGH; Town Hall, Grove Road, EASTBOURNE; Town Hall, Queen's Road, HASTINGS; Town Hall, Norton Road, HOVE; Council Offices, Lewes House, 32 High Street, LEWES.

**KENT**
Civic Centre, Tannery Lane, ASHFORD; Council Offices, Military Road, CANTERBURY; Reference Library, Riverside, CHATHAM; Civic Centre, Home Gardens, DARTFORD; Council Offices, Whitecliffs Business Park, DOVER; Municipal Offices, Preston Street, FAVERSHAM; Civic Centre, Castle Hill Avenue, FOLKESTONE; Municipal Buildings, GILLINGHAM; Civic Centre, Windmill Street, GRAVESEND; Council Offices, London House, 5-11 London Road, MAIDSTONE; Council Offices, Cecil Street, MARGATE; District Office, Queen Street, RAMSGATE; Civic Centre, Strood, ROCHESTER; Council Offices, Argyle Road, SEVENOAKS; Council Offices, Swale House, East Street, SITTINGBOURNE; Town Hall, TUNBRIDGE WELLS; Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council Offices, Gibson Building, Gibson Drive, Kings Hill, WEST MALLING.

**WEST SUSSEX**
Council Office, East Pallant House, East Pallant, CHICHESTER; Town Hall, The Boulevard, CRAWLEY; Council Offices, Oaklands, Oaklands Road, HAYWARDS HEATH; Council Offices, Park House, North Street, HORSHAM; Civic Centre, Maltravers Road, LITTLEHAMPTON; Civic Centre, Ham Road, SHOREHAM BY SEA; Council Offices, Chanctonbury House, Church Street, STORRINGTON; Town Hall, Chapel Road, WORTHING.

**Inquiry No.7 - Taunton and Southampton (South West)**

**AVON (former non-metropolitan county)**
Guildhall, BATH; Bedminster Library, East Street, BRISTOL; St.George Library, Church Road, BRISTOL; Shirehampton Library, Station Road, BRISTOL; The Council House, College Green, BRISTOL; Clevedon Library, 37 Old Church Road, CLEVEDON; Civic Centre, High Street, KINGSWOOD; Council Offices, The Hollies, MIDSOMER NORTON; Council Offices, Castle Street, THORNBURY; Town Hall, WESTON-SUPER-MARE.

**BERKSHIRE**
Council Offices, Market Street, NEWBURY.

**CORNWALL**
Council Offices, Dolcoath Avenue, CAMBORNE; Council Offices, Luxstowe House, LISKEARD; Council Offices, St.Clare, PENZANCE; Council Offices, Carrick House, Pydar Street, TRURO; Council Offices, Higher Trenant Road, WADEBRIDGE.

**DEVON**
Civic Centre, BARNSTAPLE; Council Offices, Riverbank House, BIDEFORD; Civic Centre, EXETER; Town Hall, IVYBRIDGE; Council Offices, Forde House, Brunel Road, NEWTON ABBOT; Civic Centre, PLYMOUTH; St.Budeaux Library, Victoria Road, PLYMOUTH; Council Offices, Knowle, SIDMOUTH; Council Offices, The Great House, 1 St.Peter Street, TIVERTON; Town Hall, TORQUAY; Council Offices, Follaton House, Plymouth Road, TOTNES.

**DORSET**
Council Offices, Nordon, Salisbury Road, BLANDFORD FORUM; Central Library, The Lansdowne, BOURNEMOUTH; Town Hall, BOURNEMOUTH; Civic Offices, Bridge Street, CHRISTCHURCH; Council Offices, 58/60 High West Street, DORCHESTER; Civic Centre, POOLE; Council Offices, Westport House, WAREHAM; Municipal Offices, North Quay, WEYMOUTH.

**HAMPSHIRE**
Council Offices, Beech Hurst, Weyhill Road, ANDOVER; Civic Offices, London Road, BASINGSTOKE; Council Offices, Leigh Road, EASTLEIGH; Civic Offices, Civic Way, FAREHAM; Council Offices, Farnborough Road, FARNBOROUGH; Civic Offices, Harlington Way, FLEET; Town Hall, High Street, GOSPORT; Civic Offices, Civic Centre Road, HAVANT; Town Hall, Avenue Road, LYMINGTON; Council Offices, Appletree Court, LYNDHURST; Council Offices, Penns Place, PETERSFIELD; Civic Offices, Guildhall Square, PORTSMOUTH; Cosham Library, Spur Road, Cosham, PORTSMOUTH; Council Offices, Duttons Road, ROMSEY; Civic Centre, SOUTHAMPTON; Shirley Branch Library, Shirley Road, SOUTHAMPTON; Council Offices, Colebrook Street, WINCHESTER.

**ISLE OF WIGHT**
County Hall, High Street, NEWPORT.

**OXFORDSHIRE**
Council Offices, The Abbey House, ABINGDON; Council Offices, Bodicote House, Bodicote, BANBURY; Town Hall, HENLEY; Council Offices, St.Aldate's Chambers, St.Aldate's, OXFORD; Public Library, Stirling Road, WANTAGE; Council Offices, Woodgreen, WITNEY.

**SOMERSET**
Council Offices, Bridgwater House, King Square, BRIDGWATER; Council Offices, Cannards Grave Road, SHEPTON MALLET; Council Offices, The Deane House, Belvedere Road, TAUNTON; Area Office, Churchfield, WINCANTON; Council Offices, Brympton Way, YEOVIL.

**SURREY**
Council Offices, The Burys, GODALMING.

**WEST SUSSEX**
Council Offices, East Pallant House, East Pallant, CHICHESTER; Civic Centre, Maltravers Road, LITTLEHAMPTON.

**WILTSHIRE**
Council Offices, Monkton Park, CHIPPENHAM; Council Offices, Browfort, Bath Road, DEVIZES; Council Offices, Bourne Hill, SALISBURY; Civic Offices, Euclid Street, SWINDON; Stratton St.Margaret Parish Council Offices, Addison Crescent, Upper Stratton, SWINDON; Civic Offices, Bradley Road, TROWBRIDGE.

**Inquiry No.8 - Kensington (Greater London)**

**BERKSHIRE**
Council Offices, Easthampstead House, Town Square, BRACKNELL; Town Hall, St Ives Road, MAIDENHEAD; Council Offices, Market Street, NEWBURY; Civic Centre, READING; Town Hall, Bath Road, SLOUGH; Tilehurst Library, School Road, TILEHURST; Council Offices, York House, Sheet Street, WINDSOR; Civic Offices, Shute End, WOKINGHAM.

**HERTFORDSHIRE**
Civic Offices, Elstree Way, BOREHAMWOOD.

**NORTH LONDON**
Acton Library, High Street, ACTON; Town Hall, BARKING; Fullwell Cross Branch Library, 140 High Street, BARKINGSIDE; Bethnal Green Library, Cambridge Heath Road, BETHNAL GREEN; Municipal Offices, The Ridgeway, CHINGFORD; Civic Centre, DAGENHAM; Town Hall, New Broadway, EALING; Newham Town Hall, EAST HAM; Edmonton Centre, 36 South Mall, EDMONTON GREEN; Civic Centre, Silver Street, ENFIELD; Feltham Library, High Street, FELTHAM; Public Library, 156 Golders Green Road, GOLDERS GREEN; Town Hall, Mare Street, HACKNEY; Town Hall, King Street, HAMMERSMITH; Civic Centre, HARROW; Hayes Area Library, Golden Crescent, HAYES; Town Hall, The Burroughs, HENDON; Hornchurch Library, 44 North Street, HORNCHURCH; Civic Centre, Lampton Road, HOUNSLOW; Town Hall, High Road, ILFORD; Town Hall, Upper Street, ISLINGTON; Town Hall, Hornton Street, KENSINGTON; Town Hall, Euston Road, KING'S CROSS; Municipal Offices, High Road, LEYTON; Northolt Library, Church Road, NORTHOLT; Paddington Office, 313 Harrow Road, PADDINGTON; Southgate Town Hall, Green Lanes, PALMERS GREEN; Pinner Library, Marsh Road, PINNER; Council Offices, Mulberry Place, 5 Clove Crescent, POPLAR; Town Hall, Main Road, ROMFORD; Ruislip Area Library, Manor Farm, Bury Street, RUISLIP; Stoke Newington Library, Stoke Newington Church Street, STOKE NEWINGTON; Stratford Library, Water Lane, STRATFORD; Town Hall, Town Hall Approach Road, TOTTENHAM; Civic Centre, 44 York Street, TWICKENHAM; Upminster Library, 26 Corbets Tey Road, UPMINSTER; Archway Library, Hamlyn House, Highgate Hill, UPPER HOLLOWAY; Civic Centre, High Street, UXBRIDGE; Town Hall, Forest Road, WALTHAMSTOW; One Stop Shop, Brent Town Hall, Forty Lane, WEMBLEY; The Library, Ealing Road, WEMBLEY; West Hampstead Library, Dennington Park Road, WEST HAMPSTEAD; Westminster City Hall, Victoria Street, WESTMINSTER; Barnet House, 1255 High Road, WHETSTONE; Willesden Green Library, 96 High Road, WILLESDEN; Civic Centre, High Road, WOOD GREEN.

**SOUTH LONDON**
Beckenham Library, Beckenham Road, BECKENHAM; Municipal Offices, Spa Road, BERMONDSEY; Civic Offices, Broadway, BEXLEYHEATH; Town Hall, Brixton Hill, BRIXTON; Civic Centre, Stockwell Close, BROMLEY; Town Hall, Peckham Road, CAMBERWELL; Carshalton Library, The Square, CARSHALTON; Lewisham Town Hall, CATFORD; Council Offices, Taberner House, Park Lane, CROYDON; Deptford Town Hall, New Cross Road, DEPTFORD; Dulwich District Library, Lordship Lane, DULWICH; Eltham Library, Eltham High Street, ELTHAM; Erith Town Hall, Walnut Tree Road, ERITH; Durning Library, 167 Kennington Lane, KENNINGTON; Guildhall, KINGSTON UPON THAMES; Manor House Library, Old Road, LEWISHAM; Mitcham Library, London Road, MITCHAM; Civic Centre, London Road, MORDEN; Orpington Library, The Priory, Church Hill, ORPINGTON; Public Library, Banstead Road, PURLEY; Putney Library, Disraeli Road, PUTNEY; Central Reference Library, Old Town Hall, Whittaker Avenue, RICHMOND; Sidcup Library, Hadlow Road, SIDCUP; Civic Offices, St.Nicholas Way, SUTTON; Public Library, Brigstock Road, THORNTON HEATH; Tooting Library, Mitcham Road, TOOTING; Town Hall, Wandsworth High Street, WANDSWORTH; Town Hall, Wellington Street, WOOLWICH.

**SURREY**
Civic Offices, Station Road, ADDLESTONE; Council Offices, Surrey Heath House, Knoll Road, CAMBERLEY; Council Offices, Pippbrook, DORKING; Town Hall, The Parade, EPSOM; Civic Centre, High Street, ESHER; Council Offices, The Burys, GODALMING; Council Offices, Millmead, GUILDFORD; Council Offices, Station Road East, OXTED; Town Hall, Castlefield Road, REIGATE; Council Offices, Knowle Green, STAINES; Civic Offices, Gloucester Square, WOKING.

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STOCK MARKET CLARE STEWART

# Shares lose momentum in run for 4,300 level

MARTIN BEDDALL

Richard Barber has a positive view at Caverdale, up 1½p

THE stock market attempted a second run at the 4,300 level yesterday, cheered by a good overnight rise on Wall Street.

But despite weaker than expected industrial production figures, the market lost sight of the target and slid back from its best level of 4,301.5. At the close the FT-SE 100 stood at 4,292.3, up 23 points on modest volumes once again of 699 million.

*BG was one was of the most* heavily traded stocks, with nearly 21 million shares changing hands. Shares dipped 3p to 176p, after the MMC extended the deadline for its inquiry into TransCo, BG's pipeline business, until after the general election. The new deadline is May 31.

The commission had been expected to report on April 14, *and BG shares had been* boosted recently on hopes of a favourable outcome.

Insurance groups attracted interest, with both **Royal Sun-Alliance** and **General Accident** buoyed by a positive note from Warburg, the brokers, setting new target prices for both stocks.

The 900p mark has been pencilled in for General Accident and 500p for Royal Sun Alliance. Shares in the latter touched a trading high of 450p before easing back to close at 443, down ½p. General Accident added 3p to 807½p.

Talk of buying interest from the US gave **Sedgwick**, the insurance broker, a further lift, adding 1½p to 126p. Other brokers were in demand. **Oriel** was pushed to 117p before ending at 114½p, up 2p, while **Steel Burrill Jones** moved up 1½ to 27p.

Pharmaceuticals were also sought, helped by results from the sector coming out of the US. **Zeneca** added 36½p to £18.04½, with **SmithKline Beecham** up 22½p to 915½p and **Glaxo Wellcome** up 7½p to £10.88½.

A buy recommendation helped to fire up the electricity generators, with **PowerGen** up 5½p to 611½p and **National Power** rising 13½p to 504½p.

Water companies attracted interest, defying pre-election wobbles. **Severn Trent** added 13½p to 719p, while **Thames Water** rose 6p to 671p.

Oils were again in demand, with **BP** up 10½p to 693½p and **Shell** 11p higher at £10.50½. Bid speculation pushed **Dana Petroleum** 3½p higher to 26p, while **British Borneo** surged back with a 42½p jump to £13.40. **Premier Oil** attracted interest, and there could be more to come says dealers. The shares ended ¼p down at 38¼p.

**Hanson** continued to gain ground on further rumours that it is considering the sale of its electricals business. The shares added 8p to 298p, although some analysts were more inclined to attribute the rise to recent improvements seen in the aggregrates market, with groups such as **Tarmac** reporting strong results. Tarmac shares added 1½p to 116½p.

Eager British buyers snapping up Rolls-Royce and Bentley cars failed to stir **Vickers**, the parent company. First-quarter sales of the luxury cars rose 13 per cent, with a 49 per cent increase in the UK driving up the total number of cars sold to 446. Vickers shares dipped 1p to 225p.

**Rolls-Royce**, the engineering group, added 2p to 244p after its sale of Parsons Power Generation Systems to Siemens for £30 million. **British Steel** back dipped a further 2½p to 150p.

**BSkyB** recovered ground after its sharp fall on Tuesday in the wake of a downgrade from BZW, the brokers. The shares moved up 8½p to 594p, having touched a trading high of 602p.

Profit-taking ate into early gains at **Smiths Industries**. Interim profits rose 15 per cent and an upbeat outlook for key markets such as aerospace, helped to push the shares to more than 800p before retreating to close 9½p off at 785p. News of the £372 million acquisition of US-quoted Stant Corp by **Tomkins** lifted shares 7½p to 282½p, making it one of the best FT-SE 100 performers.

There was a busy trade in **St James's Place Capital** shares after it revealed its £185 million deal to take full control of J Rothschild Assurance, while in a separate deal the **Prudential** *is set to increase its stake* in **St James's Place**. The shares rose 6p to 131½p, while Prudential added 6p to 564p.

**Allders** added 5½p to 171p after the group revived plans for a share consolidation. Among other retailers. **Tesco** dipped on profit-taking, moving down 2p to 362p, while **Dixons** lost 10½p to 527p.

Among drinks groups, **Bass** was up 2½p to 817½p and **Whitbread** was ahead 6½p to 780p, but **Allied Domecq** was less spirited, with recent poor sales of Teacher's Whisky knocking the shares 6½p lower to 437½p.

Results from **Sleepy Kids**, the character merchandising group which includes Budgie the Helicopter in its portfolio, did little to rouse the ailing share price, as profits more than halved. The shares fell a penny to 17p.

**Caverdale**, the car distribution group, added 1½p to 134p after Richard Barber, managing director, reported a 28 per cent rise in pre-tax profits and encouraging outlook for 1997.

**Danka Business Systems** was encouraged 22½p higher to 512½p on talk of a 600p target price, while demand for **Kwik-Fit** pushed its price 8½p higher to 238p.

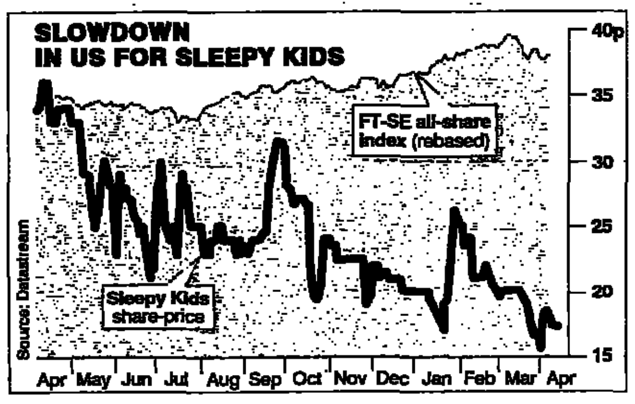
AIM-quoted **Antonov** was suspended at 116½p after a 13p rise.

☐ **GILT-EDGED:** More volatile conditions were reported by dealers, but early gains evaporated as the market slid back in line with equities. The index linked sector was weaker after a disappointing auction of inflation linked bonds in the US.

The June series of the long gilt ended up £¹⁄₃₂ at £109⁴⁄₃₂ on flat volumes of 50,000. Treasury 8 per cent 2000 rose £³⁄₁₆ at £102⁹⁄₁₆ while Treasury 8 per cent 2015 was up unchanged at £102⁵⁄₁₆.

☐ **NEW YORK:** Weakness in Merck, the drugs company, and IBM kept the Dow Jones industrial average lower. By midday it was 12.09 points weaker at 6,597.07.

**RMC, the supplier of construction materials, which is due to report year-end figures today, saw late buying lift its shares 26½p, to £10.01, a rise of nearly 3 per cent. Profits are expected to be hit by problems in a number of markets, with brokers forecasting a 20 per cent drop from last time's £329 million.**



## MAJOR INDICES

**New York (midday):**

| | |
|---|---|
| Dow Jones | 6597.07 (-12.09) |
| S&P Composite | 765.36 (-0.76) |

**Tokyo:**

| | |
|---|---|
| Nikkei Average | 17703.37 (-318.33) |

**Hong Kong:**

| | |
|---|---|
| Hang Seng | 12426.68 (+28.11) |

**Amsterdam:**

| | |
|---|---|
| EOE Index | 738.69 (+11.08) |

**Sydney:**

| | |
|---|---|
| AO | 2389.2 (+20.3) |

**Frankfurt:**

| | |
|---|---|
| DAX | 3359.46 (+29.70) |

**Singapore:**

| | |
|---|---|
| Straits | 2103.2 (-1.51) |

**Brussels:**

| | |
|---|---|
| General | 11871.57 (+44.63) |

**Paris:**

| | |
|---|---|
| CAC-40 | 2617.55 (+38.55) |

**Zurich:**

| | |
|---|---|
| SKA Gen | 966.40 (+23.70) |

**London:**

| | |
|---|---|
| FT 30 | 2848.0 (+5.6) |
| FTSE 100 | 4292.3 (+23.0) |
| FTSE 250 | 4539.6 (+20.9) |
| FTSE 350 | 2116.6 (+11.1) |
| FTSE Eurotrack 100 | 2169.11 (+21.69) |
| FTSE All-Share | 2087.56 (+10.37) |
| FTSE Non Financials | 2147.44 (+10.68) |
| FTSE Fixed Interest | 116.61 (-0.01) |
| FTSE Govt Secs | 93.83 (+0.23) |
| Bargains | 42162 |
| SEAQ Volume | 699.7m |
| US$ | 1.6228 (-0.0008) |
| German Mark | 2.7909 (+0.0151) |
| Exchange Index | 99.4 (+0.13) |
| Bank of England official close (4pm) | |
| £:ECU | n/a |
| £:SDR | 1.1852 |
| RPI | 155.0 Feb (2.7%) Jan 1987=100 |
| RPIX | 154.5 Feb (2.9%) Jan 1987=100 |

## RECENT ISSUES

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Aurora Inv Trust | 100 | ... |
| Avalon Oil | 90 | - 2½ |
| Avis Europe | 131½ | + 3 |
| Bickerton | 41½ | ... |
| Cambridge Antibdy | 564 | + 1½ |
| Charlton Athletic | 60½ | ... |
| Close Bros Prot VCT | 95 | ... |
| Diagonal | 316 | + 16 |
| Donatantonio | 72 | ... |
| Harvey Nash | 204½ | + 12 |
| Heal's | 212½ | ... |
| Helphire Group | 115 | - 1½ |
| Murray VCT 2 (100) | 102½ | ... |
| Newcastle Utd | 138 | - ½ |
| Oxford Tech Venture | 95 | ... |
| Pathfinder Properties | 38 | ... |
| Prestbury Leisure | 2½ | ... |
| Q Group | 116½ | ... |
| Sibir Energy | 15½ | ... |
| Torch Hldgs | 107½ | ... |
| United Overseas Grp | 61 | + 1 |
| Whitehead Mann | 144½ | ... |
| World Telecom | 183 | + 1½ |
| Worldsec | 177 | ... |

## RIGHTS ISSUES

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Biocure n/p (9) | 22½ | + 3½ |
| Clivedon n/p (75) | 5½ | - 2 |
| Edge Proprtes (135) | 15½ | ... |
| JKX Oil & Gas n/p (34) | 7 | + 2 |
| Partco n/p (300) | 9½ | ... |
| Saville Gordon n/p (55) | ¼ | ... |

## MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

| | |
|---|---|
| Saltire | 70p (+11½p) |
| CPL Aromas | 107½p (+10p) |
| Dorling Kind | 301½p (+24p) |
| Sentry Farm | 165p (+12½p) |
| Parity | 484p (+21½p) |
| Blacks Leis | 409½p (+18p) |
| AEA Tech | 479p (+12p) |

FALLS:

| | |
|---|---|
| Clydeport Ops | 127½p (-10p) |
| Henlys | 479p (-27½p) |
| Jarvis | 207½p (-10p) |
| Bodycote | 750p (-17½p) |
| Natl Express | 536½p (-11p) |
| Dixons Gp | 527p (-10½p) |

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## TEMPUS

# Fibs, damn fibs and Fibspam

THE sleuths at the Securities and Futures Authority have found a brilliant but simple antidote to the cult of the City bonus.

It is called the Fibspam rating: the 1,350 *securities houses patrolled* by the SFA will be told how high they score in exposure to risks relating to their finances, type of business, clients, credit risk and, most embarrassing of all, management competence. The SFA is quick to insist that the Fibspam ratings will remain confidential but the likely scenario is predictable. Just as news of blockbuster bonuses at Acme Securities flashes through *dealing rooms, rumours will also circulate* that the SFA has awarded it a high Fibspam rating over concerns that the top management at Acme has an inadequate understanding of its exposure to derivatives.

Rival dealers will pounce on the information and the share price of Acme Bank will tumble. If the word Barings springs to mind it is because it should. The SFA points out that a high Fibspam indicates an exposure to risk, not evidence that the firm is at risk. However, the former can easily bring about the latter if the firm fails to take action to protect clients and shareholders. Inevitably, the price-sensitive ratings will leak out, causing confusion, and some firms will choose to boast of their low ratings leading to questions about their shy brethren.

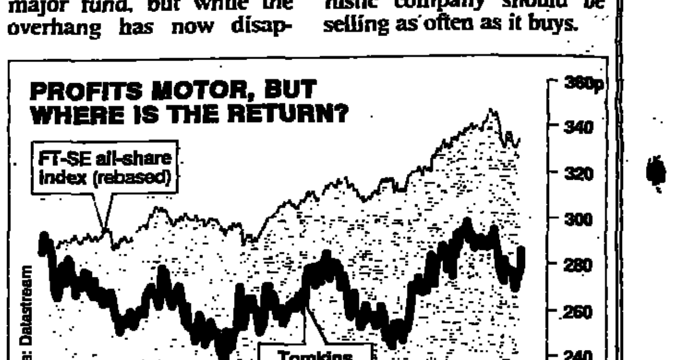
If a securities firm is engaged in business deemed by the SFA to be high risk, its shareholders and creditors should be made aware. There is a place for well-managed, high-risk securities operations but they require more capital and management resources. The Fibspam ratings should be published.

## Tomkins

TOMKINS suffered a lot of stick for using its lowly rated shares to acquire the Gates Corporation. With more than £500 million languishing in the bank, such a funding route looked expensive. It was therefore no surprise to find an ebullient Greg Hutchings, Tomkins's chief executive, pointing out that the cash pile was instrumental in securing rapid agreement over the takeover of Stant Corporation.

Tomkins is getting almost $700 million in sales for $600 million, and US earnings forecasts for the Nasdaq-quoted stock suggest the exit multiple is about 15 times. That should provide Tomkins with an earnings uplift but the more interesting prospect is the expansion of Stant's market. Currently, Stant sell exclusively in the US but the international distribution network of Gates should enable it to sell its products overseas.

If the deal is right, a share price gain ought to follow but with Tomkins, nothing is so simple. In the past, any gain was short lived because of determined selling from a major *fund*, but while the overhang has now disappeared, the share price still lags the market on a forward multiple of 12.5 times earnings. The problem is the perception that Tomkins is hanging on to its low-growth businesses; there is no earthly reason why it should make lawnmowers, bicycles and handguns. A really opportunistic company should be selling as often as it buys.



## Prudential / JRA

PRUDENTIAL'S deal with SJPC gives the giant insurer a punt on a go-ahead company that has been adding new business to its books faster than most of the rest of the industry this year. Although small in terms of the Pru's life fund, the deal provides a window into a business that is worlds away from Pru's safe, dull, home service sector.

The insurance giant is unlikely to see huge profits from JRA in the short term; the latter is a young company lacking the cashflow to pay out dividends. The attraction is the prospect of soaring growth over the next decade. JRA grew like topsy last year, with total new business up 39 per cent, compared with an industry average of 24.

Meanwhile, the Pru can take its share of the profits from SJPC's vulture company and asset management arm, which each contribute £3 million annually. For its part, SJPC has simplified JRA's ownership and structure without the need for flotation, and incentivised JRA's sales force with a new share option scheme. However, the publicity surrounding pensions mis-selling means the public has been wary of life insurers.

Having been fined and publicly reprimanded by Lautro in 1994, JRA's conduct will need to be exemplary in the future if it wants to capitalise on the upturn in public confidence.

## Smiths Industries

SMITHS INDUSTRIES turned in a typically good set of interim results yesterday but, unfortunately for Sir Roger Hurn, the chairman, the City is already looking for the next deal, and, this time, it expects a big one. This is seen as an important test of the mettle of Keith Butler-Wheelhouse, who took over from Sir Roger as chief executive last November. Now capitalised at £2.4 billion, Smiths can afford to spend some £500 million on its next purchase. At that level, businesses are better known and more widely prized. So it becomes much harder for Smiths to continue its practice of making friendly takeovers of private companies at attractive prices.

Size brings with it more risk, and these concerns could dog the shares. Yet trading remains strong in all three divisions, with a faster than expected recovery in the aircraft avionics business. Quite apart from sales arising from the rash of orders for new civil aircraft, Smiths is set to benefit from a series of military programmes, including the F-18 fighter in the US and the Hawk jet in the UK.

Smiths will make about £190 million or 42p of earnings this year. At 785p, the shares are not cheap but still look a sound buy.

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## COMMODITIES

### LIFFE

**COCOA**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| May | 970-968 | Jul | unq |
| Jul | 990 BID | Sep | 1046 SLR |
| Sep | 1006 BID | Dec | 1075 SLR |
| Dec | 1006 BID | Mar | 1075 BID |
| Mar | 1016 BID | | |
| May | 1023 BID | | Volume: 7306 |

**ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| May | 1580 SLR | Jan | 1555 SLR |
| Jul | 1585 SLR | Mar | 1560-1540 |
| Sep | 1595 SLR | May | 1570-1530 |
| Nov | 1590-1585 | | Volume: 3501 |

**WHITE SUGAR (FOB)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Reuters | | Dec | 304.0-03.0 |
| Spot: n/a | | Mar | 303.8-01.8 |
| May | 312.0-11.6 | May | 303.0-01.0 |
| Aug | 309.9-09.3 | Aug | unq |
| Oct | 305.7-05.3 | | Volume: 4710 |

**MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION**

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on April 8

| (p/kg lw) | Pig | Sheep | Cattle |
|---|---|---|---|
| GB: | 84.57 | 137.09 | 98.78 |
| (+/-) | +1.12 | -13.46 | +3.59 |
| Eng/Wales: | 84.71 | 138.93 | 98.11 |
| (+/-) | +1.13 | -13.03 | +4.09 |
| (%) | -7.0 | +4.0 | +42.0 |
| Scotland: | 83.26 | 129.72 | 101.41 |
| (+/-) | +1.94 | -15.07 | +1.55 |
| (%) | +63.0 | +7.0 | +45.0 |

### ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

**CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Brent Physical | 17.30 | +0.30 |
| Brent 15 day (May) | 18.10 | +0.10 |
| Brent 15 day (Jun) | 18.30 | +0.20 |
| W Texas Intermediate (May) | 19.50 | +0.30 |
| W Texas Intermediate (Jun) | 19.60 | +0.25 |

**PRODUCTS ($/MT)**

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

| | Bid | Offer |
|---|---|---|
| Premium Unld | 198 (+2) | 200 (2) |
| Gasoil EEC | 167 (+1) | 169 (+1) |
| 3.5 Fuel Oil | 83 (n/c) | 84 (n/c) |
| Naphtha | 181 (n/c) | 188 (n/c) |

**IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)**

**GAS OIL**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Apr | 162.25-62.50 | Jul | 167.00-67.25 |
| May | 164.00-64.25 | Aug | 169.00 BID |
| Jun | 165.00-65.25 | | Vol: 22522 |

**BRENT (6.00pm)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| May | 18.03-18.05 | Aug | 18.36-18.42 |
| Jun | 18.24-18.26 | Sep | 18.48 SLR |
| Jul | 18.30-18.33 | | Vol: 42627 |

### GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

**LIFFE WHEAT (close £/t)**

| | |
|---|---|
| May | 98.50 |
| Jul | 101.50 |
| Sep | 97.85 |
| Nov | 99.85 |
| Jan | 101.85 |
| | Volume: 1200 |

**LIFFE BARLEY (close £/t)**

| | |
|---|---|
| May | 93.00 |
| Sep | 95.00 |
| Nov | 96.85 |
| Jan | 98.85 |
| Mar | 100.85 |
| | Volume: 53 |

**LIFFE POTATO (£/t)**

| | Open | Close |
|---|---|---|
| May | 44.0 | 44.0 |
| Jun | unq | 66.0 |
| Nov | – | 74.0 |
| | | Volume: 203 |

**RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/k)**

May 75.75-76.25

**LIFFE BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)**

| | High | Low | Close |
|---|---|---|---|
| Apr 97 | 1505 | 1490 | 1500 |
| May 97 | 1535 | 1395 | 1530 |
| Jun 97 | 1405 | 1380 | 1400 |
| Jul 97 | 1280 | 1270 | 1285 |
| Vol: 247 lots | | | Open interest: 2917 |

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### LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

| (Official) (Volume prev day) | Cash | 3mth | Rudolf Wolff Vol |
|---|---|---|---|
| Copper Gde A ($/tonne) | 2355.0-2356.0 | 2306.0-2307.0 | 1353050 |
| Lead ($/tonne) | 646.00-647.00 | 651.00-652.00 | 365500 |
| Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne) | 1239.5-1240.0 | 1263.0-1264.0 | 931800 |
| Tin ($/tonne) | 5745.0-5746.0 | 5790.0-5785.0 | 33505 |
| Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne) | 1550.5-1551.0 | 1585.0-1586.0 | 2172425 |
| Nickel ($/tonne) | 7295.0-7300.0 | 7410.0-7415.0 | 134700 |

## LIFFE OPTIONS

| | | Calls | | | Puts | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Series | | Apr | Jul | Oct | Apr | Jul | Oct |
| Alld Dom | 420 | 18½ | 27½ | 38 | 1 | 15 | 19½ |
| (*437½) | 460 | 0½ | 9 | 20 | 23 | 38½ | 42½ |
| ASDA | 110 | 3 | 7 | 9½ | 1 | 4½ | 7½ |
| (*111½) | 120 | 0 | 3½ | 5 | 8½ | 10½ | 13½ |
| Boots | 650 | 36 | 50 | 57 | 1 | 13½ | 19 |
| (*685) | 700 | 3 | 21½ | 31 | 17 | 38 | 44 |
| Br Airways | 600 | 43 | 54 | 65½ | 0 | 11½ | 18 |
| (*642) | 650 | 5½ | 24½ | 38 | 12½ | 34 | 40½ |
| BP | 650 | 43½ | 60½ | 71 | 0 | 14 | 21½ |
| (*692½) | 700 | 5½ | 31½ | 43½ | 12 | 34½ | 43½ |
| Br Steel | 140 | 11 | 14½ | 15 | 0½ | 6½ | 8 |
| (*150½) | 160 | 0½ | 4½ | 6 | 10 | 19 | 20 |
| C & W | 460 | 35½ | 50 | 59 | 0 | 13 | 19 |
| (*495) | 500 | 5½ | 26½ | 37½ | 4½ | 31 | 37½ |
| CU | 650 | 13 | 50 | 63 | 11 | 39 | 55 |
| (*651½) | 700 | 1 | 29½ | 44½ | 49 | 68 | 84½ |
| ICI | 700 | 21½ | 45½ | 56½ | 2 | 16 | 28 |
| (*718) | 750 | 1½ | 22 | 31½ | 32 | 42½ | 54½ |
| Land Sec | 750 | 32 | 45½ | 53½ | 0 | 17 | 22½ |
| (*781) | 800 | 1½ | 17½ | 27½ | 19½ | 45 | 49½ |
| M & S | 460 | 30½ | 41 | 49½ | 0 | 9½ | 12½ |
| (*491) | 500 | 3 | 16½ | 28 | 11½ | 29 | 31 |
| Nat West | 650 | 49 | 69½ | 80 | 0 | 12 | 24½ |
| (*698) | 700 | 8 | 39 | 51½ | 9 | 31 | 46½ |
| Safeway plc | 360 | 9 | 20½ | 28 | 2½ | 18 | 22 |
| (*365½) | 390 | 0½ | 8½ | 15½ | 24½ | 38 | 40½ |
| Sainsbury | 300 | 29½ | 33½ | 38½ | 0 | 6 | 8½ |
| (*329) | 330 | 3½ | 14 | 21 | 5 | 18½ | 21 |
| Shell | 1050 | 8½ | 34½ | 54 | 29½ | 47 | 64 |
| (*1050) | 1100 | 0 | 17½ | 34 | 77 | 82½ | 95½ |
| Smkl Bch | 900 | 20½ | 53½ | 77 | 6 | 35½ | 47½ |
| (*911½) | 950 | 2 | 31 | 53½ | 39½ | 63 | 74 |
| Storehse | 300 | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| (unq) | 330 | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Trafalgar | 50 | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| (unq) | 60 | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Zeneca | 1700 | 98 | 154 | 194 | 1½ | 32½ | 54 |
| (*1795) | 1800 | 22 | 98½ | 132½ | 26 | 71½ | 95½ |
| Series | | Apr | Jul | Oct | Apr | Jul | Oct |
| BAT Ind | 500 | 18½ | 45 | 53 | 3 | 21½ | 34 |
| (*519½) | 550 | 0½ | 23 | 31 | 35 | 49 | 62 |
| Vodafone | 290 | 8½ | 22½ | 30 | 2½ | 14½ | 19 |
| (*285) | 300 | 1 | 13½ | 20½ | 15½ | 25½ | 29½ |
| Series | | May | Aug | Nov | May | Aug | Nov |
| Grnd Met | 460 | 35½ | 46 | 53½ | 3 | 10 | 14 |
| (*490½) | 500 | 10 | 22 | 31 | 17 | 28 | 31½ |
| Ladbroke | 220 | 11 | 18½ | 22½ | 4½ | 8½ | 11½ |
| (*225½) | 240 | 3 | 9½ | 13½ | 16 | 19½ | 22 |
| Utd Bisc | 220 | 14 | 22 | 26 | 4 | 8 | 12½ |
| (*229½) | 240 | 4 | 12 | 16 | 13½ | 18 | 22½ |

April 9, 1997 Tot: 58741 Call: 20717 Put: 38024 FTSE Call: 2700 Put: 13507
*Underlying security price.

| | | Calls | | | Puts | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Series | | Apr | Jul | Oct | Apr | Jul | Oct |
| BAA | 500 | 11 | 27½ | 36 | 2 | 17½ | 21½ |
| (*509) | 550 | 0 | 7½ | 15½ | 42 | 49½ | 52½ |
| Thames W. | 650 | 21½ | 46 | 51½ | 3 | 35 | 38 |
| (*668½) | 700 | 1 | 22½ | 29½ | 32 | 64½ | 67½ |
| Series | | May | Aug | Nov | May | Aug | Nov |
| BTR | 240 | 14½ | 23 | 27½ | 4 | 8 | 11 |
| (*251) | 260 | 4½ | 12 | 17 | 13 | 17 | 20½ |
| Br Aero | 1300 | 68½ | 106½ | 130 | 18 | 36 | 49 |
| (*1341) | 1350 | 39½ | 79 | 103½ | 38½ | 58 | 71 |
| Br Telcm | 420 | 22½ | 32 | 35½ | 6 | 21 | 24 |
| (*433½) | 460 | 5½ | 13 | 17 | 28 | 46½ | 48 |
| Cadbury | 500 | 35 | 49½ | 55½ | 5 | 13½ | 16½ |
| (*527½) | 550 | 8 | 23 | 30½ | 28 | 37 | 40 |
| Guinness | 460 | 41 | 52½ | 60½ | 2½ | 6½ | 11 |
| (*496) | 500 | 14 | 27 | 36 | 15 | 21½ | 26 |
| GEC | 360 | 20½ | 29½ | 34 | 4 | 14½ | 17½ |
| (*374) | 390 | 5½ | 13½ | 19½ | 19 | 31 | 34 |
| Hanson | 280 | 23 | 32½ | 36½ | 4 | 9 | 13 |
| (*298) | 300 | 10½ | 21 | 25½ | 10½ | 17½ | 22 |
| LASMO | 220 | 18 | 25 | 29½ | 6 | 10 | 11½ |
| (*231) | 240 | 9 | 15½ | 19½ | 16 | 19½ | 20½ |
| LucasVarity | 200 | 11½ | 18½ | 22½ | 5 | 8½ | 13 |
| (*207) | 220 | 3 | 9½ | 13½ | 17 | 20 | 24½ |
| Pilkington | 120 | 6½ | 10 | – | 5 | 9½ | – |
| (*121½) | 130 | 3½ | 6 | – | 11 | 16 | – |
| Prudential | 550 | 27½ | 44½ | 55½ | 11 | 20½ | 29 |
| (*563½) | 600 | 8 | 21½ | 32 | 40½ | 48 | 55½ |
| Redland | 330 | 26½ | 31½ | 39 | 7½ | 15½ | 20½ |
| (*352) | 360 | 8½ | 16½ | 25 | 25 | 32 | 36½ |
| R-Royce | 240 | 10 | 21½ | 25½ | 0 | 15½ | 18 |
| (*244) | 260 | 3 | 13 | 17 | 22 | 27½ | 29½ |
| Tesco | 360 | 8 | 19½ | 26½ | 14 | 19½ | 24 |
| (*362) | 390 | 1 | 8½ | 15 | 37½ | 40 | 43 |
| Williams | 330 | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| (unq) | 360 | – | – | – | – | – | – |

**FTSE INDEX (*4289)**

| | 4150 | 4200 | 4250 | 4300 | 4350 | 4400 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Calls | | | | | | |
| Apr | 142½ | 98½ | 59½ | 30 | 12½ | 4 |
| May | 182 | 144½ | 110½ | 81 | 57½ | 37½ |
| Jun | 219 | 180½ | 149½ | 119 | 94 | 71 |
| Jul | 246½ | 211 | 175 | 147½ | 120 | 94 |
| Dec | – | 307½ | – | 244 | – | 192½ |
| Puts | | | | | | |
| Apr | 6 | 12 | 24 | 46 | 79½ | 122½ |
| May | 38½ | 51 | 67½ | 88½ | 115½ | 147½ |
| Jun | 65½ | 79½ | 97 | 117½ | 143½ | 171½ |
| Jul | 78 | 93 | 109 | 132½ | 155 | 182 |
| Dec | – | 157½ | – | 190 | – | 238½ |

| | | Calls | | | Puts | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Series | | Apr | Jul | Oct | Apr | Jul | Oct |
| Abby Nat | 750 | 25½ | 56½ | 72 | 4½ | 24½ | 37 |
| (*772) | 800 | 2½ | 32 | 47 | 29½ | 50 | 62 |
| Amstrad | 140 | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| (unq) | 160 | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Barclays | 1050 | 22 | 67 | 85½ | 6½ | 34 | 53½ |
| (*1064½) | 1100 | 3 | 42½ | 61 | 37 | 60 | 79½ |
| Natl Pwr | 500 | 16 | 39 | 40½ | 2½ | 27 | 33 |
| (*514) | 550 | 0 | 17½ | 19 | 36 | 59½ | 64 |
| Series | | Apr | Jul | Oct | Apr | Jul | Oct |
| Glaxo W | 1050 | 42 | 81 | 95½ | 2 | 24½ | 42 |
| (*1089½) | 1100 | 10 | 53 | 67½ | 18 | 45½ | 65 |
| HSBC | 1500 | 24 | 91 | 120½ | 15½ | 61 | 88 |
| (*1506) | 1600 | 1 | 47½ | 76 | 94 | 119 | 144 |
| Reuter | 550 | 48½ | 67 | 77½ | 0 | 10½ | 15½ |
| (*597½) | 600 | 7½ | 36½ | 48½ | 10 | 28 | 35 |
| Royal & Sun | 431 | 14 | – | – | 1½ | – | – |
| (*442½) | 460 | 1½ | 18 | 28 | 18 | 29½ | 36½ |
| Series | | May | Aug | Nov | May | Aug | Nov |
| Blue Circ | 390 | 26½ | 39½ | 45 | 4½ | 11 | 16½ |
| (*410) | 420 | 9½ | 22½ | 29 | 17½ | 24½ | 30½ |
| Series | | May | Aug | Nov | May | Aug | Nov |
| Kingfishr | 650 | 39 | 58 | 67½ | 7 | 18½ | 24½ |
| (*677½) | 700 | 11½ | 30 | 41 | 31 | 41 | 48 |
| Series | | Jun | | | Jun | | |
| Br Gas | 220 | 19 | – | – | 9 | – | – |
| (*235½) | 240 | 8½ | – | – | 19½ | – | – |
| Series | | Jun | Sep | Dec | Jun | Sep | Dec |
| Dixons | 500 | 42½ | 52 | 62½ | 11½ | 23 | 26 |
| (*527) | 550 | 16½ | 27 | 38 | 35 | 47½ | 51½ |
| EMI Group | 1150 | 57½ | 82 | 96 | 37½ | 61 | 72½ |
| (*1155) | 1200 | 35½ | 59½ | 73½ | 65½ | 89 | 100 |
| Tarmac | 110 | 7 | 11½ | 13½ | 4 | 7 | 9½ |
| (*116½) | 120 | 2 | 7 | 8½ | 9½ | 12½ | 15½ |
| Hillsdwn | 180 | 16 | 17½ | – | 4 | 5½ | – |
| (*195) | 200 | 3½ | 7 | – | 16 | 17 | – |
| Lonrho | 130 | 12½ | 14½ | 17½ | 4 | 6½ | 8½ |
| (*137) | 140 | 7 | 9½ | 12½ | 8½ | 11½ | 13 |
| Sears | 90 | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| (unq) | 100 | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Thorn EMI | 1500 | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| (unq) | 1600 | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Tomkins | 280 | 15 | 20½ | 24 | 9 | 16 | 19 |
| (*282½) | 300 | 6 | 11½ | 15½ | 21 | 28 | 31 |
| Lloyds TSB | 500 | 29½ | 42 | 51 | 14½ | 25 | 30 |
| (*510) | 550 | 9 | 20 | 31 | 45 | 53 | 57½ |
| Scot Pwr | 300 | 23 | 30 | 33½ | 9 | 17 | 30 |
| (*371) | 390 | 9½ | 15 | 19½ | 24 | 34 | 37 |
| Unilever | 1500 | 71½ | 104½ | 128 | 24½ | 35½ | 47 |
| (*1532½) | 1600 | 23 | 54½ | 79 | 70 | 86 | 96½ |

## LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

| | Period | Open | High | Low | Sett | Vol |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Long Gilt** | Jun 97 | 109-06 | 109-18 | 108-31 | 109-04 | 50608 |
| Previous open interest: 182340 | Sep 97 | | | | 108-31 | 0 |
| **German Govt Bond (Bund)** | Jun 97 | 100.34 | 100.66 | 100.16 | 100.27 | 213550 |
| Previous open interest: 265334 | Sep 97 | 99.30 | 99.49 | 99.28 | 99.27 | 461 |
| **Italian Govt Bond (BTP)** | Jun 97 | 127.00 | 128.08 | 126.56 | 127.75 | 91944 |
| Previous open interest: 112357 | Sep 97 | 127.45 | 127.72 | 127.45 | 127.74 | 96 |
| **Japanese Govt Bond (JGB)** | Jun 97 | 127.00 | 127.12 | 127.00 | 127.05 | 1834 |
| | Sep 97 | 125.73 | 125.75 | 125.73 | 125.76 | 157 |
| **Three Mth Sterling** | Jun 97 | 93.35 | 93.40 | 93.34 | 93.37 | 20240 |
| | Sep 97 | 93.04 | 93.13 | 93.03 | 93.08 | 27617 |
| Previous open interest: 462302 | Dec 97 | 92.81 | 92.90 | 92.78 | 92.86 | 27387 |
| **Three Mth Euromark** | Jun 97 | 96.75 | 96.75 | 96.73 | 96.73 | 21466 |
| Previous open interest: 1281069 | Sep 97 | 96.69 | 96.69 | 96.66 | 96.67 | 33535 |
| **Three Mth Eurolira** | Jun 97 | 93.03 | 93.12 | 92.92 | 93.07 | 35678 |
| Previous open interest: 265439 | Sep 97 | 93.34 | 93.52 | 93.31 | 93.46 | 24679 |
| **Three Mth Euroyen** | Sep 97 | | | | 99.29 | 0 |
| | Dec 97 | | | | 99.12 | 0 |
| **Three Mth Euroswiss** | Jun 97 | 98.05 | 98.05 | 97.94 | 97.97 | 32863 |
| Previous open interest: 92816 | Sep 97 | 98.02 | 98.02 | 97.90 | 97.94 | 23688 |
| **Three Mth ECU** | Jun 97 | 95.85 | 95.90 | 95.84 | 95.86 | 945 |
| Previous open interest: 29879 | Sep 97 | 95.78 | 95.83 | 95.78 | 95.81 | 484 |
| **FTSE 100** | Jun 97 | 4306.0 | 4321.0 | 4295.0 | 4303.0 | 13887 |
| Previous open interest: 62933 | Sep 97 | | | | 4328.0 | 0 |

## MONEY RATES (%)

**Base Rates:** Clearing Banks 6 Finance Hse 6½
**Discount Market Loans:** O/night high: 6 Low 4 Week fixed: 6⅛
**Treasury Bills (Dis):** Buy: 2 mth 6¹⁄₁₆ ; 3 mth 6⅛ . Sell: 2 mth 5¹⁵⁄₁₆ ; 3 mth: 6 .

| | 1 mth | 2 mth | 3 mth | 6 mth | 12 mth |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Prime Bank Bills (Dis):** | 6⅛-6¹⁄₁₆ | 6¼-6⅛ | 6⅜-6¼ | 6½-6⅜ | |
| **Sterling Money Rates:** | 6⅛-6¹⁄₁₆ | 6⅜-6¼ | 6½-6⁷⁄₁₆ | 6⅝-6½ | 6¹⁵⁄₁₆-6¾ |
| **Interbank:** | 6⅛-6¹⁄₁₆ | 6⅜-6¼ | 6½-6⁷⁄₁₆ | 6⅝-6½ | 6¹⁵⁄₁₆-6⅝ |

Overnight: open 6 , close 4 .

| | 1 mth | 2 mth | 3 mth | 6 mth | 12 mth |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Local Authority Deps:** | 6⅛ | n/a | 6⅜ | 6½ | 6⅞ |
| **Sterling CDs:** | 6¼-6³⁄₁₆ | 6⅜-6¼ | 6¹¹⁄₁₆-6⅝ | 6¹³⁄₁₆-6¹¹⁄₁₆ | 6¹⁵⁄₁₆-6¹³⁄₁₆ |
| **Dollar CDs:** | 5.57 | n/a | 5.70 | 5.90 | 6.25 |
| **Building Society CDs:** | 6¼-6⅛ | 6⅜-6¼ | 6½-6⁷⁄₁₆ | 6¾-6⅝ | 6¹⁵⁄₁₆-6¹³⁄₁₆ |

## EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

| Currency | 7 day | 1 mth | 3 mth | 6 mth | Call |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Dollar:** | 5½-5⅜ | 5¹⁹⁄₃₂-5¹⁵⁄₃₂ | 5¹¹⁄₁₆-5⁹⁄₁₆ | 6-5⅞ | 5½-4½ |
| **Deutschemark:** | 3⅛-2⅞ | 3¹⁄₁₆-3 | 3³⁄₁₆-3¹⁄₁₆ | 3⅜-3¼ | 3⅛-2⅞ |
| **French Franc:** | 3⅛-3 | 3⅛-3¹⁄₁₆ | 3³⁄₁₆-3¹⁄₁₆ | 3⅜-3¼ | 3¼-2⅞ |
| **Swiss Franc:** | 1¹¹⁄₁₆-1⁹⁄₁₆ | 1¹¹⁄₁₆-1⅝ | 1⅞-1¾ | 1⅞-1¾ | 2¼-1¾ |
| **Yen:** | ⅝-¼ | ⅝-⁷⁄₁₆ | ⅝-½ | ⅝-½ | 1-par |

## GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

**Bullion:** Open $347.50-347.80 Close: $347.80-348.30 High: $348.45-348.95
Low: $347.05-347.55 AM: $348.00 PM: $347.80

**Krugerrand:** $347.00-353.00 (£214.25-216.25)

**Platinum:** $366.75 (£225.95) **Silver:** $4.79 (£2.955) **Palladium:** $157.00 (£96.75)

## STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

| Mkt Rates for April 9 | Range | Close | 1 month | 3 month |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Amsterdam | 3.1316-3.1411 | 3.1378-3.1411 | ¼-⅛pr | 2½-2⅛pr |
| Brussels | 57.430-57.620 | 57.561-57.612 | 16-12pr | 47-40pr |
| Copenhagen | 10.607-10.638 | 10.629-10.638 | ⅛-⅛pr | ⅜-⅛pr |
| Dublin | 1.0475-1.0518 | 1.0475-1.0495 | 7-3pr | 22-16pr |
| Frankfurt | 2.7848-2.7928 | 2.7902-2.7928 | ⅛-⅛pr | 2⅜-2⅛pr |
| Lisbon | 279.35-280.18 | 279.71-280.04 | ⅛-⅛ds | ⅛-⅛ds |
| Madrid | 235.17-235.77 | 235.52-235.74 | 15-3pr | 52-34pr |
| Milan | 2750.7-2759.9 | 2753.7-2757.4 | 21-26ds | 47-69ds |
| Montreal | 2.2477-2.2538 | 2.2516-2.2538 | 0.58-0.53pr | 1.10-1.02pr |
| New York | 1.6228-1.6248 | 1.6228-1.6238 | 0.752-0.525pr | 0.243-0.212pr |
| Oslo | 11.262-11.334 | 11.319-11.334 | ⅛-⅛pr | ⅛-⅛pr |
| Paris | 9.3690-9.3977 | 9.3887-9.3977 | 2⅜-2⅛pr | 7⅛-6⅛pr |
| Stockholm | 12.448-12.499 | 12.484-12.499 | ⅛-⅛pr | ⅛-⅛pr |
| Tokyo | 205.08-205.73 | 205.25-205.51 | 1-⅛pr | 3-2⅛pr |
| Vienna | 19.595-19.657 | 19.636-19.657 | ⅛-⅛pr | 1⅛-1⅛pr |
| Zurich | 2.3883-2.3938 | 2.3909-2.3938 | ⅛-⅛pr | 2⅛-2⅛pr |

*Source: Extel* *Premium - pr. Discount - ds.*

## DOLLAR RATES

| | |
|---|---|
| Australia | 1.2773-1.2781 |
| Austria | 12.09-12.10 |
| Belgium (Com) | 35.44-35.45 |
| Canada | 1.3875-1.3890 |
| Denmark | 6.5457-6.5477 |
| France | 5.7810-5.7830 |
| Germany | 1.7175-1.7185 |
| Hong Kong | 7.7480-7.7490 |
| *Ireland* | *1.5480-1.5500* |
| Italy | 1697.1-1697.8 |
| Japan | 126.41-126.51 |
| Malaysia | 2.5037-2.5044 |
| Netherlands | 1.9310-1.9330 |
| Norway | 6.9548-6.9548 |
| Portugal | 172.20-172.30 |
| Singapore | 1.4405-1.4415 |
| Spain | 145.09-145.14 |
| Sweden | 7.6862-7.6937 |
| Switzerland | 1.4720-1.4730 |

## OTHER STERLING

| | |
|---|---|
| Argentina peso* | 1.6230-1.6257 |
| Australia dollar | 2.0731-2.0750 |
| Bahrain dinar | 0.609-0.618 |
| Brazil real* | 1.7166-1.7210 |
| China yuan | 13.31-13.61 |
| Cyprus pound | 0.8215-0.8315 |
| Finland markka | 8.265-8.381 |
| Greece drachma | 435.0-442.0 |
| Hong Kong dollar | 12.5735-12.5828 |
| India rupee | 57.84-58.80 |
| Indonesia rupiah | 3874.0-3942.6 |
| Kuwait dinar KD | 0.489-0.499 |
| Malaysia ringgit | 4.0630-4.0666 |
| New Zealand dollar | 2.3380-2.3411 |
| Pakistan rupee | 64.65 Buy |
| Saudi Arabia riyal | 5.850-5.974 |
| Singapore dollar | 2.3379-2.3403 |
| S Africa rand (com) | 7.150-7.252 |
| U A E dirham | 5.9025-6.0265 |

*Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank*

## FTSE VOLUMES

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 3I | 713 | Land Secs | 760 |
| ASDA Gp | 7,800 | Legal & Gn | 1,300 |
| Abbey Ntl | 3,400 | Lloyds TSB | 7,900 |
| Allied Dom | 1,300 | LucasVarity | 6,100 |
| AB Foods | 564 | Marks Spr | 1,800 |
| BAA | 3,100 | Mercury Asset | 399 |
| BAT Inds | 2,900 | NatWst Bk | 1,800 |
| BG | 20,600 | Nat Grid | 8,000 |
| BOC | 2,500 | Nat Power | 3,300 |
| BP | 4,100 | Next | 1,200 |
| BSkyB | 5,300 | Orange | 3,000 |
| BTR | 21,700 | P & O | 707 |
| BT | 14,300 | Pearson | 1,300 |
| Bk of Scot | 4,600 | PowerGen | 1,400 |
| Barclays | 1,800 | Prudential | 1,400 |
| Bass | 1,500 | RMC | 682 |
| Blue Circle | 644 | RTZ | 2,700 |
| Boots | 2,100 | Railtrack | 1,200 |
| BAe | 908 | Rank Group | 3,600 |
| BA | 2,800 | Reckitt Col | 2,100 |
| British Land | 858 | Reed Intl | 1,100 |
| Brit Steel | 4,700 | Rentokil Inl | 4,900 |
| Burmah Cstl | 1,000 | Reuters | 2,100 |
| Burton | 5,800 | Rolls Royce | 4,700 |
| Cable Wire | 2,800 | Royal & Sun | 4,300 |
| Cadbury | 5,000 | Royal Bk Sct | 2,300 |
| Carlton Cms | 984 | Safeway | 2,100 |
| Centrica | 11,700 | Sainsbury | 1,200 |
| Cm Union | 1,800 | Schroders | 182 |
| Dixons | 3,000 | Scot & New | 443 |
| EMI | 569 | Scot Power | 1,400 |
| Energy Gp | 1,800 | Svrn Trent | 1,200 |
| Enterpr Oil | 3,000 | Shell Trans | 9,300 |
| GKN | 372 | Siebe | 1,800 |
| GRE | 1,700 | SmKl Bch | 3,300 |
| GUS | 1,200 | Smith Nph | 5,500 |
| Gen Acc | 495 | Smiths Inds | 2,400 |
| Gen Elec | 8,100 | Std Chartd | 1,600 |
| Glaxo Well | 3,700 | TI Gp | 224 |
| Granada | 1,900 | Tate & Lyle | 1,100 |
| Grand Met | 5,600 | Tesco | 5,000 |
| Guinness | 2,000 | Thames W | 700 |
| HSBC | 2,500 | Tomkins | 2,200 |
| Hanson | 5,000 | Unilever | 2,900 |
| Hays | 1,100 | Utd Utilities | 488 |
| ICI | 1,500 | Utd News | 1,700 |
| Imp Tob | 1,100 | Vodafone | 2,300 |
| Kingfisher | 2,600 | Whitbread | 298 |
| LASMO | 1,500 | Wolseley | 297 |
| Ladbroke | 3,700 | Zeneca | 1,500 |

## WALL STREET

| | Apr 9 midday | Apr 8 close |
|---|---|---|
| AMP Inc | 34¼ | 34½ |
| AMR Corp | 85¼ | 85½ |
| ASA | 33¼ | 33½ |
| AT & T | 34½ | 34¼ |
| Abbott Labs | 57 | 56½ |
| Advanced Micro | 43¼ | 43 |
| Aetna Life | 86½ | 85¼ |
| Ahmanson (HF) | 37½ | 37¼ |
| Air Prod & Chem | 68 | 68 |
| AirTouch Comm | 23½ | 23½ |
| Alberto-Culver B | 25½ | 25¼ |
| Albertson's | 32½ | 32½ |
| Alcan Aluminm | 31½ | 32 |
| Allied Signal | 71½ | 70½ |
| Alum Co of Am | 66½ | 66½ |
| Amax Gold Inc | 6½ | 6½ |
| Amerada Hess | 49¾ | 49½ |
| Amer Brands | 49 | 49½ |
| Amer El Power | 40½ | 40½ |
| Amer Express | 61½ | 61½ |
| Amer Genl Corp | 39½ | 39½ |
| Amer Home Pr | 60½ | 60½ |
| Amer Intl | 116½ | 116½ |
| Amer Stores | 44½ | 44½ |
| Amer Standard | 45½ | 45½ |
| Ameritech | 59½ | 58½ |
| Amoco | 85½ | 84½ |
| Anheuser-Busch | 43½ | 43¾ |
| Apple Computer | 19⅛ | 19⅛ |
| Archer Daniels | 17¼ | 17¼ |
| Armco | 4 | 4 |
| Armstrng Wrld | 64½ | 64½ |
| Asarco | 26½ | 27 |
| Atl Richfield | 132 | 130¼ |
| Auto Data Pro | 43¾ | 43½ |
| Avery Dennison | 38½ | 38½ |
| Avon Products | 54½ | 54 |
| Baker Hughes | 36½ | 37¼ |
| Baltim Gas & El | 26 | 26 |
| Banc One | 41½ | 41½ |
| BankAmerica | 108½ | 107½ |
| Bank of NY | 37¾ | 36½ |
| Bankers Tr NY | 79¾ | 79½ |
| Barnett Banks | 47¼ | 47¼ |
| Bausch & Lomb | 37¾ | 36½ |
| Baxter Intl | 45½ | 44½ |
| Becton Dickinsn | 46½ | 46¾ |
| Bell Atlantic | 60½ | 60¾ |
| Bell Industries | 17¼ | 17¼ |
| BellSouth | 42¾ | 42½ |
| Black & Decker | 30½ | 30½ |
| Block (H&R) | 31½ | 31½ |
| Boeing | 102½ | 101½ |
| Boise Cascade | 29¼ | 29¾ |
| Bristol Myrs Sq | 61½ | 62 |
| Browning Ferris | 29½ | 28¾ |
| Brunswick | 27½ | 27¾ |
| Burlington Nthn | 74½ | 73¾ |
| CMS Energy Corp | 31¼ | 31½ |
| CNA Financial | 103½ | 103½ |
| CPC Intl | 80½ | 80½ |
| CSX | 44½ | 44½ |
| Campbell Soup | 47¼ | 47¼ |
| Can Pacific | 24 | 24 |
| Carolina Pwr | 35½ | 35¼ |
| Caterpillar | 78¾ | 77½ |
| Central & SW | 19½ | 19½ |
| Champion Intl | 44½ | 45 |
| Chase Manhat | 97½ | 96½ |
| Chevron Corp | 65½ | 65½ |
| Chrysler | 29½ | 29½ |
| Chubb Corp | 54 | 54 |
| Cigna Corp | 147½ | 147½ |
| Citicorp | 115 | 114½ |
| Clorox | 116 | 110½ |
| Coastal Corp | 45½ | 45½ |
| Coca Cola | 56½ | 56½ |
| Coca Cola Ent | 58 | 57½ |
| Colgate-Palm | 100½ | 101½ |
| Columbia Gas | 58½ | 58 |
| ColumbiaHCA | 32½ | 32½ |
| Compaq Comp | 80 | 79 |
| Comp Ass Int | 46½ | 45½ |
| Conagra | 57½ | 57 |
| Conrail | 113½ | 113½ |
| Cons Edison | 28¾ | 29½ |
| Cons Nat Gas | 50¾ | 50 |
| Cooper Inds | 43¾ | 43½ |
| Corestates | 50 | 50½ |
| Corning Inc | 44½ | 44½ |
| Crown Cork | 54½ | 54½ |
| Dana Corp | 32½ | 32½ |
| Dayton Hudson | 43¾ | 42½ |
| Deere | 44 | 43½ |
| Delta Air Lines | 90½ | 90½ |
| Deluxe Corp | 31½ | 31½ |
| Digital Equip | 26½ | 26½ |
| Dillard Dept St | 30½ | 30½ |
| Disney (Walt) | 73½ | 73½ |
| Dominion Res | 34½ | 34¾ |
| Donnelley (RR) | 33½ | 32½ |
| Dover Corp | 54 | 54¾ |
| Dow Chemical | 80½ | 80 |
| Dow Jones | 40½ | 40½ |
| Dresser | 29½ | 29½ |
| Duke Power | 43¾ | 43½ |
| Dun & Bradstreet | 25½ | 25½ |
| Du Pont | 105½ | 107½ |
| Eastman Chem | 52½ | 52½ |
| Eastman Kodak | 77½ | [illegible] |

| | Apr 9 midday | Apr 8 close |
|---|---|---|
| Eaton Corp | 70½ | 71¼ |
| Edison Int | 21½ | 21¾ |
| Elect Data Sys | 40 | 39¾ |
| Emerson Elec | 47½ | 47¼ |
| Engelhard Corp | 20½ | 20½ |
| Enron Corp | 37½ | 37¼ |
| Entergy | 23½ | 23½ |
| Ethyl Corp | 8½ | 8½ |
| Exxon | 104½ | 104 |
| FMC Corp | 61½ | 61½ |
| FPL Group | 44 | 43½ |
| Federal Express | 53¾ | 53½ |
| First Bk Sys | 75½ | 74½ |
| First Union Rlty | 13¼ | 13¾ |
| Fleet Finl Grp | 59½ | 59½ |
| Fluor Corp | 53½ | 53 |
| Ford Motor | 32½ | 32 |
| GTE Corp | 44½ | 44½ |
| Gannett | 86½ | 85½ |
| Gap Inc Del | 32½ | 31½ |
| Gencorp | 19 | 18¾ |
| Gen Dynamics | 63¾ | 64½ |
| Gen Electric | 102 | 101½ |
| Gen Mills | 60½ | 60½ |
| Gen Motors | 54½ | 54½ |
| Gen Reinsurance | 156½ | 159½ |
| Gen Signal | 38½ | 38½ |
| Genuine Parts | 45½ | 45¼ |
| Georgia Pac | 71½ | 72½ |
| Gillette | 77¼ | 77¾ |
| Glaxo Wellc ADR | 35½ | 35½ |
| Goodrich (BF) | 35½ | 35¾ |
| Goodyear Tire | 52 | 52¾ |
| Grt Atl Pac Tea | 24¾ | 24½ |
| Great Wstn Fin | 42¾ | 42¾ |
| Halliburton | 70½ | 69½ |
| Harcourt General | 44½ | 44¾ |
| Heinz (HJ) | 40½ | 39½ |
| Hercules | 40½ | 40½ |
| Hershey Foods | 51½ | 51½ |
| Hewlett Packard | 53¾ | 53 |
| Hilton Hotels | 25¾ | 25½ |
| Home Depot | 56½ | 55½ |
| Homestake Mng | 14½ | 14¾ |
| Honeywell | 70½ | 70½ |
| Household Intl | 87½ | 86½ |
| Houston Inds | 20½ | 20½ |
| Humana | 21½ | 21½ |
| ITT Corp | 58½ | 58½ |
| Ikon Office | 32½ | 33 |
| Illinois Tool | 85½ | 85½ |
| Illinova | 20½ | 20½ |
| INCO | 31½ | 31½ |
| Ingersoll Rand | 44½ | 44½ |
| Inland Steel | 18½ | 18¾ |
| Intel Corp | 147 | 146⅝ |
| IBM | 137 | 136½ |
| Intl Flav & Fr | 42½ | 42½ |
| Intl Paper | 40½ | 40½ |
| James River Va | 29 | 28½ |
| Jhnsn & Jhnsn | 54½ | 54¾ |
| Kellogg | 66½ | 66½ |
| Kerr-McGee | 58½ | 58½ |
| Kimberly-Clark | 49¾ | 49½ |
| Kmart | 12½ | 12½ |
| Knight-Ridder | 37½ | 38 |
| Lilly (Eli) | 82½ | 82½ |
| Limited Inc | 17½ | 17½ |
| Lincoln Nat | 51½ | 52 |
| Litton | 39¾ | 39¾ |
| Liz Claiborne | 45½ | 44½ |
| Lockheed Martin | 83½ | 83¾ |
| Louisiana Pac | 18½ | 17½ |
| MCI Comm | 36½ | 36½ |
| Manpower Inc | 37¾ | 36½ |
| Marriott Int | 51½ | 51½ |
| Marsh & McLnn | 119½ | 120 |
| Masco Corp | 36½ | 36½ |
| May Dept St | 45½ | 46½ |
| Maytag Corp | 21½ | 21¾ |
| McDonalds | 49½ | 49½ |
| McDonnell D | 62½ | 61½ |
| McGraw Hill | 51½ | 52 |
| Mead Corp | 52½ | 52½ |
| Medtronic | 64½ | 64 |
| Mellon Bk | 76½ | 76½ |
| Merck Inc | 81½ | 85½ |
| Merrill Lynch | 91½ | 91 |
| Microsoft | 98⅛ | 98½ |
| Minnesota Mine | 84½ | 84½ |
| Mobil Corp | 128½ | 126½ |
| Monsanto | 39½ | 39¾ |
| Morgan (JP) | 101 | 101½ |
| Motorola Inc | 59½ | 59½ |
| Natl Semi | 29¾ | 29¾ |
| Natl Service Ind | 40½ | 40½ |
| Navistar Int | 9½ | 9½ |
| NY Times A | 44½ | 44 |
| Newmont Mng | 39½ | 39½ |
| Niag Mohawk | 8½ | 8½ |
| Nike B | 54¾ | 54½ |
| NL Industries | 10 | 10 |
| Noram Energy | 14½ | 14½ |
| Nordstrom | 38¾ | 38¾ |
| Norfolk Sthrn | 87½ | 86½ |
| Nthn State Pwr | 46½ | 46 |
| Norwest Corp | 48¾ | 48½ |
| Nynex Corp | 45½ | 45¾ |
| Occidental Pet | 23¾ | 24 |
| Ohio Edison | 20¾ | 20½ |

| | Apr 9 midday | Apr 8 close |
|---|---|---|
| Oracle | 39¾ | 39¾ |
| Oryx Energy Co | 18¾ | 18 |
| Overseas Ship | 17 | 17¾ |
| Owens Corning | 39¾ | 39 |
| PHH Corp | 46½ | 47 |
| PPG Industries | 51½ | 51¾ |
| PNC Bank | 41 | 40 |
| PP&L Res | 19¾ | 19½ |
| Paccar Inc | 70 | 71 |
| Pacificorp | 20½ | 20¾ |
| Pac Enterprises | 30¾ | 30½ |
| Pall Corp | 23½ | 23¾ |
| Parker Hannifin | 43½ | 43¼ |
| Peco Energy | 19¾ | 19¾ |
| Penney (JC) | 46 | 46½ |
| Pennzoil | 48½ | 48½ |
| Pepsico | 32½ | 32½ |
| Pfizer | 87½ | 86 |
| Pharm & Upjhn | 35¾ | 35¾ |
| Phelps Dodge | 71½ | 72½ |
| Philip Morris | 114½ | 114½ |
| Phillips Pet | 39½ | 40½ |
| Pitney Bowes | 59½ | 59½ |
| Polaroid | 38¾ | 38½ |
| Procter & Gmbl | 119 | 115½ |
| Providian | 50½ | 50½ |
| Pub Serv E & G | 24½ | 24½ |
| Quaker Oats | 38½ | 38½ |
| Ralston Purina | 78¾ | 78½ |
| Raychem Corp | 82½ | 82½ |
| Raytheon | 44¾ | 44½ |
| Reebok Intl | 40½ | 40¾ |
| Reynolds Metals | 63 | 62½ |
| Rockwell Intl | 62½ | 63½ |
| Rohm & Haas | 73 | 72½ |
| Royal Dutch | 171½ | 169½ |
| Rubbermaid | 25¾ | 25 |
| SBC Comms | 52½ | 52¾ |
| Safeco Corp | 39 | 38⅛ |
| St Paul's Cos | 66½ | 66½ |
| Salomon Inc | 54½ | 55 |
| Sara Lee Corp | 40¾ | 40 |
| Schering Plough | 73½ | 74½ |
| Schlumberger | 109 | 105½ |
| Seagram | 38 | 37½ |
| Sears Roebuck | 51½ | 50½ |
| Shell Trans | 102½ | 101½ |
| Sherwin Wllms | 26½ | 26½ |
| Skyline Corp | 21½ | 21½ |
| Snap-On-Tools | 38 | 38½ |
| Southern Co | 21½ | 21½ |
| Sprint Corp | 45½ | 45½ |
| Stanley Works | 37 | 37½ |
| Sun Company | 24½ | 24½ |
| Sun Microsys | 30½ | 29⅛ |
| Suntrust | 48½ | 48½ |
| Supervalu | 29½ | 29½ |
| Sysco Corp | 34½ | 34½ |
| TRW Inc | 50½ | 50½ |
| TCC Inds | 1½ | 1½ |
| Tandem Comp | 12½ | 12½ |
| Tandy Corp | 51½ | 51½ |
| Temple Inland | 52½ | 52½ |
| Tenneco | 38½ | 38½ |
| Texaco | 107½ | 106 |
| Texas Inst | 89 | 89½ |
| Texas Utilities | 33½ | 33½ |
| Textron | 105½ | 104½ |
| Time Warner | 42½ | 42½ |
| Times-Mirror A | 55½ | 56½ |
| Timken | 55 | 55 |
| Torchmark | 55½ | 55½ |
| Toys R Us | 27½ | 27½ |
| Transamerica | 86½ | 86½ |
| Travelers | 50½ | 49½ |
| Tribune | 41½ | 41½ |
| Tyco Int | 58½ | 59 |
| UST Inc | 26½ | 26½ |
| UAL | 72½ | 73½ |
| US Inds | 36½ | 36½ |
| US West Comm | 32½ | 32½ |
| US West Media | 17½ | 17½ |
| USAirways Group | 27½ | 26½ |
| USX Marathon | 27½ | 27½ |
| Unicom | 19½ | 19½ |
| Unilever NV | 182½ | 180½ |
| Union Camp | 46½ | 47 |
| Union Carbide | 45½ | 45½ |
| Union Pacific | 58½ | 58½ |
| Unisys Corp | 6½ | 6½ |
| USF&G Corp | 21 | 21½ |
| US Life | 45½ | 45½ |
| United Tech | 75 | 74½ |
| Unocal Corp | 38½ | 38½ |
| VF Corp | 67½ | 67½ |
| WMX Tech | 31 | 30½ |
| Wal-Mart Stores | 28½ | 28½ |
| Warner-Lambert | 69½ | 67½ |
| Wells Fargo | 284½ | 284½ |
| Westinghouse El | 18 | 18½ |
| Weyerhaeuser | 44½ | 45½ |
| Whirlpool | 47½ | 47½ |
| Whitman | 23½ | 24½ |
| Winn Dixie | 33½ | 33½ |
| Woolworth | 21½ | 22 |
| Wrigley (Wm) Jr | 58 | 58 |
| Xerox | 58½ | 58½ |
| Yellow Corp | 20 | 20 |
| Zenith Elect | 12½ | 12½ |

# THE TIMES CITY DIARY

## Sleepless partner

PUTTING the finishing touches to the deal that gave Prudential a stake of almost 30 per cent in St James' Place Capital, left Sir Mark Weinberg with only 55 minutes sleep on Tuesday. What's more, Prudential's bid for Scottish Amicable delayed the announcement of St James' Place Capital's nine-month results by almost a week.

## Counting votes

NEIL SHERLOCK, director of internal communications at KPMG, has packed away his beans while he campaigns for support as the Liberal Democrat candidate for South West Surrey. "I'm going to topple Virginia Bottomley," boasts the 33-year-old optimist who secured 20,000 votes at the last election. A former president of the Oxford Union, Sherlock beat stiff competition from rival Boris Johnson, Tory candidate for South Clwyd, to win the student post in 1985. "I see that as a good omen," he says.

## Racing hunger

IN HER bid to boost Brands Hatch, Nicola Foulston is heading for the kitchens at the motor racing circuit. The 29-year-old chief executive has been driven to distraction by fans who, armed with flasks and sandwiches, are not paying a penny to the circuit's caterers. Solution: the Hatchburger — a lip-smacking themed alternative to be launched next month. And now the medieval village of Brands Hatch has finally disappeared, the resourceful Miss Foulston has the trademark rights to the brand name, which will be emblazoned on the burgers' wrappers.

Foulston: burger solution

## Heath defects

GARY HEATH, head of the IFA Association, has switched his political allegiance to Tony Blair. Having served as a Conservative councillor in Buckinghamshire from 1989 to 1993, Heath is backing Labour's proposal to create a super-SIB by merging the PIA, Imro, and the SFA. "I will back anyone who will give constructive change that will help decent people running decent businesses. If that meant voting for the Monster Raving Loony Party, I would vote for them," he says.

## Limited welcome

GOOD news for accountants who complain that politicians never take them seriously enough. The Institute of Chartered Accountants was rather startled to find that its Great Hall at Moorgate Place, has been booked by the Labour Party for tomorrow's launch of its Business Manifesto. Tony Blair can expect to find insistent pin-striped gents tugging gently at his elbow, asking for a quiet word about reforming the rules on the limitation of partners' liability.

*AFTER valiant efforts to clean up its racy image and let globetrotting fraudsters know that they are no longer welcome to launder or hide their ill-gotten gains in the Caymans, the Islands' Government has had to put the opening of its own stock exchange on hold. No listings have been secured.*

MORAG PRESTON

# Parties hunt for the pensions golden goose, then kill it

GRAHAM SEARJEANT

Most of the poorest adults in society are over 65. Most of them have to rely on the basic state pension. They were in low-paid jobs with no pension, or moved around with bouts of unemployment in between, or worked for themselves and could not afford to save money outside the business. Many were just too busy looking after a family to be in the official workforce. All these once shrinking groups are now growing again. Meanwhile, the basic state pension has been shrinking relative to national income for 16 years.

No wonder means-tested benefits are mushrooming, even though an estimated 600,000 pensioners do not claim their full entitlement. No wonder the main parties are worried about the state earnings-related pensions scheme, which was unforgiveably introduced on a unfunded basis. Serps is now starting to cost burgeoning billions with a dwindling rate of new contributions to match them. No wonder that both Tories and Labour want to help, persuade or dragoon more unprovided people into some form of privately-funded secondary pension.

To that extent, a consensus exists around ideas that the National Association of Pension Funds helped to develop. Policies recently diverged. Peter Lilley, Social Security Secretary, came up with Basic Pension Plus too late for Labour to respond. Common ground remains. No one seems quite to have cracked the issue. And either party seems liable to damage existing private pension and savings schemes by mistake.

The critical area is secondary pensions for the lower paid. As many learnt to their cost, individually tailored personal pensions are just too expensive. Replacing Serps with something better requires some simple, low-cost alternative to personal pensions with some choice of provider.

Within an eclectic menu of savings schemes, Labour opts for the "stakeholder" pension. This might be organised on a standard basis by big insurance companies, affinity groups or friendly societies (probably trade unions) or via industry-wide schemes such as those being developed for Unity Trust Bank. So far, however, Labour assumes that the minimum contribution need be no more than the full rebate of National Insurance contributions for contracting out of Serps, less than 5 per cent of income. Anything else must be voluntary.

Mr Lilley spent a lot of time on similar ideas and could not make the economics work. That is why he dreamt up the more drastic notion of converting the basic pension into a privately funded scheme as well. Adding the two together gives enough cash to keep percentage costs low and, eventually, yield a higher base pension.

Basic Pension Plus involves so drastic a change that it would not help anyone drawing a pension for nearly 50 years. To fund the transition, today's schoolchildren would lose tax relief on all pension contributions, removing much of the incentive to channel any further savings into inflexible pensions funds. Privatising the basic pension would also require the State to help those who could not afford contributions. Means-tested benefits will be boosted again. Inevitably, more working-age folk will become enmeshed in the benefit trap.

The Tory scheme could, on present policies, eventually provide a bigger pension for have-nots than Labour's stakeholder plan. Either still looks inadequate on its own. Saving less than 5 per cent of income will not keep people at a decent standard in retirement. A minimum is 10 per cent.

People need some help on the basic state pension, at least for the next 60 years. Now that the "demographic timebomb" has been exposed as a hoax, it is clear that the cost of the basic state pension will fall as a percentage of national income more or less continuously over the next 50 years if it is indexed only to prices. If the basic pension budget was kept at its reduced level of about 4 per cent of national income, the pension would rise steadily in real terms, although not as fast as earnings. Labour has avoided any such commitment, presumably because, like the Tories, it wants to raid the basic pension to meet the unfunded Serps burden.

The second essential is to avoid damaging successful existing occupational pensions and savings schemes such as personal equity plans. The Tories rightly crow that that the envious rest of the EU together cannot match Britain's £650 billion invested pension funds. Only a fool imagines that this success had nothing do with a kindly pension tax regime. Government will interfere with it at our peril.

Labour is expected to attack the dividend privileges of pension funds, charities and Peps as a conveniently "hidden" tax worth a gross £8 billion a year. The tax may be hidden, but the results are clear. The retirement income people earn by saving in personal pensions, money-purchase occupational schemes or Labour's stakeholder scheme would be cut. Employees in final salary schemes might be all right, if employers stump up the extra funding needed. If they do, under the tougher solvency provisions of the Pensions Act 1995 the net tax gain from pension funds might be zero. More likely, more employers will join the drift to cheap defined contribution schemes that will deliver much lower pensions.

Limiting or abolishing contribution relief, as under Basic Pension Plus, looks equally ill-advised. These reliefs are not just incentives to save. They boost returns. If reliefs are cut, ordinary people's pensions will eventually be cut.

If more people are to earn decent secondary pensions, reliefs must not be watered down, either for fiscal logic or short-term Treasury greed. To minimise compulsion, politicians must trust people to save as they will and as they can in more flexible schemes such as Peps and, one hopes, Labour's Individual Savings Account. If politicians try hard yet find solutions so elusive, they had better trust market forces more.

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### Christine Buckley looks at the practicalities of setting the utilities levy

# Ground rules for Labour's windfall tax

Privately, some anxious Tories representing marginal constituencies have been criticising utilities for being wimpish. These Conservatives are incensed that companies are apparently prepared to give in so easily to a windfall tax. One gave a verbal battering to a generator, incredulous that it was not shouting from the rooftops its opposition to a tax that would wipe millions from profits.

Most utilities have indeed been curiously quiet, although the Conservatives would welcome as a political filip a threatened wholesale rebellion from the utilities. But it will not happen before the election and is unlikely afterwards in the face of a Labour government.

While a legal challenge is not out of the question, the majority of companies are certain to think seriously about the implications of such action. This, as the Institute of Fiscal Studies pointed out yesterday, is ostensibly a politically palatable tax with less sound economic foundations. Any challenge, perhaps by utilities with US owners, would risk the wrath of a new government that could impose far harsher regulation than presently being considered. There is more appetite in the boardrooms for instant pain through the windfall tax than longer-term suffering through tougher regulation. As Labour has declared the tax to be a one-off the companies should then be able to shape investment and operations without too much uncertainty.

Labour can score easy political points by turning the screw on utilities which have earned public contempt because of high levels of executive pay, profits and dividends. The contempt for some, notably water companies, extends to their reputation for wasted resources and poor service. Tougher regulatory regimes seem certain, but if companies squeal against the windfall levy, the curbs could well be harsher.

How the windfall tax will shape up for the companies is almost anyone's guess except Gordon Brown's at present. There are growing expectations that the tax may be pitched at the lower end of City estimates. It could be no more than about £3 billion as opposed to the £5 billion and even £10 billion touted around over the past year or so. But there are few pointers as to which companies will be included. The more Labour has said about the possible remit, the less clear the picture is. What started out as the Utilities Monopoly Levy, in the Shadow Treasury's working notes, and was widely perceived as a tax on the electricity, gas and water companies has undoubtedly expanded.

As the IFS found in yesterday's analysis of the likely impact of the windfall tax and the way in which it might be applied, the unknown factors are immense. Tipping the tax application one way or another is of crucial importance to the companies, their investors, the people they employ and possibly to consumers through price pressures.

The rationale for the tax is that assets were sold too cheaply by the Government and utilities have enjoyed excessive profits through monopoly positions. Favourable regulation has helped, as have cost efficiencies which have proved much greater than first imagined.

But the experience of companies and industries varies. Herein lies the challenge of drafting a tax to apply across a broad range of utilities, however they may be categorised, and any other privatised companies to be affected.

Mr Brown, the Shadow Chancellor, has refused to be drawn on the definition of a utility. Generally a public utility is taken to mean a service provided for public use such as power, water, transport and telecommunications. Indications are that the net may be cast wide. It could include BT, British Airways, British Airports Authority and a number of other companies who would argue strongly that they operate in internationally competitive environments and therefore should be immune from the tax.

The wider the remit, the less the burden on individual companies. But the wider the remit, the more difficult the case would seem to be against individual companies. The widest remit could encompass all privatised businesses sold by the Government for less than they have proved worth — ie, all privatised businesses. But those operating in a vigorously competitive arena, such as telecoms, will argue that their circumstances are not comparable with electricity and water companies, which enjoy regional monopolies.

One possible definition is all businesses that are regulated. This would include many companies that have given shareholders bumper benefits at the expense of consumers. Mr Brown has pointed to the tax covering companies privatised since 1979 that are licensed and subject to regulation. A levy on regulated companies would bring in BT, but would exclude the large electricity generators, which operate in a competitive environment, however widely criticised that area is, and are not regulated. But the exclusion of National Power and PowerGen from a windfall tax, when each has returned £1 billion to shareholders, would not seem equitable.

The ability of companies to pay the tax and estimates of the amount they should pay are as sensitive a calculation as the roll call of who should pay. For the companies it is of vital importance because different bases for establishing a levy make for different amounts of tax to be paid.

The basis of the tax could be set in four main ways — on the sales of the companies; on what are judged to be excess shareholder returns compared with other measures of share performance; on pre-tax profit; or on what is judged to be excess pre-tax profit viewed against comparable companies.

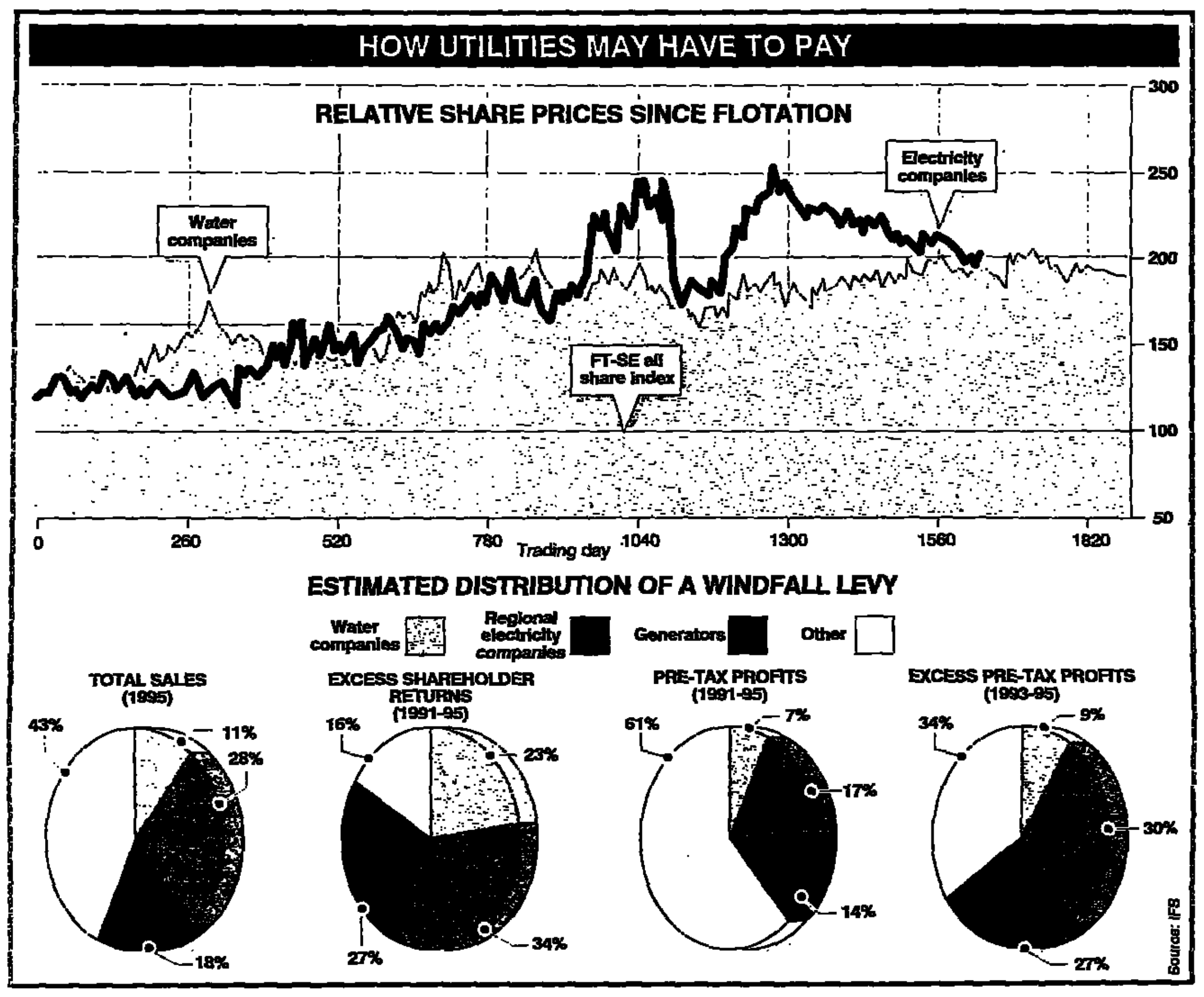
A tax based almost exclusively on sales lacks sophistication and would take no account of the excess profits that Labour is keen to penalise. A share price evaluation may grasp more of the outperformance of utilties but while their share prices have leapt ahead of comparable companies, a calculation of a tax on share price would be unique and of questionable merit. It would also be a victim of its own effect because the share prices of utilities now factor in the impact of a windfall tax and are therefore lower than they might otherwise have been. The levy is more likely to be linked to profits. Again this is open to considerable interpretation. It would be anomalous to fix the levy in accordance with corporation tax paid because the water companies have paid much less corporation tax than other utilities or privatised businesses. Rather, Labour must seek to determine some measure of excess profits above what might be reasonable. This is where benchmarking will compare other large companies and regulated industries overseas.

Labour will have compared the performance of the British utilities with those in Europe and the United States. Apart from its own calculations the party will draw on a range of studies pitching the performance of the privatised utilities in terms of profits and share price against other large companies. Recent research for the Trade and Industry Select Committee investigation into energy regulation by the Centre for Regulated Industries provided benchmark comparisons showing outperformance by the utility companies. Other studies, such as one presented to the Royal Economic Society last month on the performance of the regional electricity companies have described profits as "abnormally high".

The decision on which companies to hit will come from the Treasury with little input likely from other departments. So far, amid internal conflict over the tax, Mr Brown has resisted attempts by some divisions of the party to help to shape implementation of the levy. A plan to involve the utilities in regional development through the tax sculpted by Richard Caborn and backed by John Prescott was squashed by Mr Brown. It is possible that such a devolved programme for the levy will resurface with supporters arguing that the utilities, as large employers, would be useful if they were involved in programmes of regional regeneration. They would fund local jobs with their own contributions to the windfall tax with possible incentives to create employment offered through investment partnerships with government.

Labour's trade and industry department is thought to have had little involvement in consultations over the tax. Kim Howells, a frontbench spokesman on trade and industry, last year caused controversy when he indicated that the tax could damage the competitiveness of companies that pay it.

Such arguments, which are bound to be reinforced by the industry, could influence a Labour chancellor to spread the tax more thinly among more companies. One thing that is certain about the tax is that it will be imposed quickly — as soon as the first Budget allows — so that the job creation exercise that it is intended to fund may begin. By June, if the government changes, all should be clear.



HOW UTILITIES MAY HAVE TO PAY

RELATIVE SHARE PRICES SINCE FLOTATION

ESTIMATED DISTRIBUTION OF A WINDFALL LEVY

Source: IFS

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# Fading fame of a management 'guru'

The ideas that companies should be close to their customers and should stick to the business they are good at are so central to the basic managerial tool kit today that they appear trite. It is hard to remember it is only in the last 15 years that they have become so widely accepted.

Staying close to customers and sticking to the knitting were two of eight managerial principles laid down by Tom Peters and Robert Waterman in their 1982 book, *In Search of Excellence*. The book has gone on to sell nearly 6 million copies.

Its success turned Peters from McKinsey consultant into the world's first management "guru". His weekly column ran for ten years and was syndicated to 110 newspapers, even reaching India and Korea. He can charge $95,000 a day for his seminars ($65,000 in the US), and gives 75 a year.

Yet, as Stuart Crainer's biography shows, Peters' research methods are questionable and his "thinking" has become increasingly incoherent. Casting himself as a rebel, Peters has turned to gimmicks to make an impact. On the cover of one recent book (subtitled *Crazy Times call for Crazy Organizations*), Peters is pictured wearing orange shorts. One of his columns fatuously claimed that "a man with a tie is mentally constipated", while a recent presentation slide reads:

Excellence!
Pretzel Crumb-less-ness
+ WOW!

Tom Peters, whose reputation is called into question in a new biography

Crainer observes that fun has taken over, and it is difficult to find anyone with a good word to say about Peters' most recent books. Moreover, even the merit of *Search* is open to serious question. Crainer writes: "*In Search of Excellence* was narrow in perspective; often strikingly banal in its insights; contradictory in its selection process; nationalistic; and written by two unknown management consultants."

Why, then, was it such a success? The answer, as Peters has acknowledged, is down to luck and impeccable timing. The book appeared when the US economy was in the depths of recession. Yet instead of trumpeting the triumphs of Japanese management, as was then the vogue, Peters and Waterman celebrated the success of "excellent" American corporations.

Nemesis came swiftly. Peters' excellent companies — including Hewlett-Packard, Disney and Digital Equipment — were soon in trouble, and one of them, IBM, went on to suffer some of the worst losses in corporate history. Peters admits: "*In Search of Excellence's* eight principles have survived intact — just the companies haven't."

Despite the serious flaws of 1987's *Thriving on Chaos* ("true to its title", says Crainer) and 1992's *Liberation Management* ("gushingly anecdotal [and] largely unreadable"), Peters retained his sense of timing and his antennae for the spirit of the age. He can take credit for helping to focus managers' minds on the need for continuous change and improvement. Peters is best regarded as a populariser, catalyst and motivator.

Gratifyingingly for those who enjoy their prejudices, Peters is better at telling people how to run their businesses than at managing his own. His attempts to build a consultancy business on the back of his success have failed. Crainer says Peters' company falls short of the customer service standards that he demands of others — even failing to return telephone calls.

Crainer has written a readable account of Peters' career, divided into bite-size sections and leavened with dry wit. After quoting Peters' bizarre analogy between his writing career and anal-retentiveness, Crainer says (of the "complete loosening" that produced *Liberation Management*): "Peters' anal metaphor is open to misinterpretation."

Crainer steers clear of Peters' personal life, his four wives and his time in therapy. Perhaps for this reason, a feeling for Peters' charisma and forceful personality remains elusive. Still, the book is well worth reading before going to see Peters on his next visit to London — and much better value, too.

☐ *Corporate Man to Corporate Skunk: The Tom Peters Phenomenon*, by Stuart Crainer; Capstone; £18.99, is published on April 18.

PAUL DURMAN

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Copies of the Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 December 1996 and of the Resolutions to be put before the Meeting will be available at the offices of the company.

At the meeting a proposal of the meeting of holders of priority shares will be put forward, to approve an amendment of the company's articles of association (i.e. an increase of the company's authorized share capital). A copy of the proposal including the verbatim text of the proposed amendment is deposited until the end of the meeting at the offices of the company for inspection by the shareholders and holders of depositary receipts and is available free of charge to shareholders and holders of depositary receipts.

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# Australia lifts bank takeover controls

From Rachel Bridge in Sydney

*AUSTRALIA is to remove* restrictions that prevent foreign companies from taking over domestic banks, it was announced yesterday.

Delivering the Government's response to the seven-month inquiry into *the sector*, known as the Wallis report, Peter Costello, the Treasurer, said: "The Government has decided to remove the former government's blanket prohibition on a foreign takeover of any of the major banks."

The "six pillars" policy had prevented mergers between Australia's big four banks — ANZ, Westpac, National Australia Bank and Commonwealth Bank — and the two largest pension and life insurance groups, Australian Mutual Provident Society and *National Mutual*.

Banking analysts said yesterday that the move was good news for Lloyds TSB, HSBC Holdings, and ABN Amro and ING, the Dutch banks, which are all believed to be keen to expand their presence in Australia.

However, Mr Costello said that the Government would retain the power of veto over any foreign bank takeover, saying that any large-scale transfer of ownership into foreign hands would be contrary *to the national interest*.

The Government also scuppered hopes of a consolidation of the Australian banking sector by prohibiting mergers between the four biggest banks until there was more competition within *the industry*.

Shares of ANZ and Westpac, which had been seen as bid targets from National Australia Bank, fell, while shares in National Australia Bank and the Commonwealth Bank both rose.

Analysts *believe that the* Government will now approve Westpac's recently proposed A$1.4 billion (£674 million) takeover of the Bank of Melbourne, a regional bank.

Lawrence Ward, left, who has been appointed chief executive of Martin International, with Samuel Ling yesterday

# Supplier to M&S plans China move

By Chris Ayres

SAMUEL LING, a director and major investor in Martin International, which makes underwear and leisurewear for Marks and Spencer, is investing $4 million of his own money in the group to develop a new factory in China.

The factory will supply women's underwear to M&S stores in the Far East. Mr Ling, who owns nearly 10 per cent of the company, will subscribe for redeemable preference shares with detachable warrants, giving him the right to subscribe for ordinary shares.

Mr Ling's investment coincides with a significant turnround in Martin International's fortunes. Yesterday the group reported pre-tax profits of £1.25 million for the year to December 31, compared with a loss of £1.77 million in the preceding year.

Sales were up 23 per cent, from £90.2 million to £111 million, and earnings per share were 2.2p, against losses of 6.1p. An unchanged final dividend of 0.65p, due on July 1, maintains the total at 1.1p.

# Procter & Gamble to pay $1.8bn for world-leading Tambrands

From Richard Thomson in New York

PROCTER & GAMBLE, the hygiene and household goods group, is making its largest purchase having agreed to buy *Tambrands, maker of Tampax* tampons, for $1.8 billion.

P&G is paying $50 a share for the company. Its only product is Tampax which it began marketing in the 1930s. It is still the world leader with 40 per cent of the tampon market.

P&G said it planned to expand the business with broader retail marketing, particularly in areas of the world where it *currently sells in small amounts* but which have the largest growth potential.

About 90 per cent of Tambrands's sales are in Europe and North America, although Tampax is marketed in more than 150 countries. P&G already has market-leading sanitary pads and other feminine protection products.

Controversy already surr*ounds the deal with allega*tions of insider trading circulating in some quarters. The New York Stock Exchange has contacted Tambrands about a surge in trading *in its shares* over the past few days.

P&G tried to keep the talks secret, but rumours of an imminent takeover of Tambrands swept the market last week. Trading in the compa*ny's options has been usually* heavy on the Chicago Board Options Exchange in the past few days. Trading was also intense on the New York Stock Exchange where Tambrands shares rose $3 to more than *$46 since* last week. The surge means that the $50 purchase price represents only a small premium to the current value of the shares. The $1.8 billion *purchase price is 14 times* operating income. Analysts regard this as a respectable rating. Tambrands shares have fallen 30 per cent since 1993 *amid the* bull market for stocks in general.

Recently the company has been restructured, closing four *of its nine factories, cutting* 17 per cent of its workforce and taking a $45 million charge to cover the changes.

The purchase will establish P&G as the market leader in feminine protection products. It also shuts out rivals such as Kimberly Clark which was *believed to be interested in* buying Tambrands. P&G withdrew from the tampon market in 1980 when its Rely brand was associated with toxic shock syndrome. It is the first significant purchase by P&G since 1995.

# Ionica plans 600 service centre jobs

By Eric Reguly

IONICA, the wireless telephony company, is to create 600 *jobs at a new service centre in* Birmingham. The site will help to support the planned roll-out of commercial operations across the country.

The centre is to open in the summer and will provide marketing and billing services. Ionica has another service site in Cambridge, employing 700.

Announcement of the Birmingham centre comes a month after Ionica raised £215 million in debt and private equity to finance expansion.

The City expects Ionica, whose shareholders include Yorkshire Electricity, Northern Electric and Morgan Stanley, the US investment bank, to *float later this year. The origi*nal business plan envisaged flotation by the end of 1995, but commerical operations began later than expected.

Ionica said that it plans to cover 80 per cent of homes in the UK, excluding Scotland, by 2002. Service began in eastern England, where more *than 14,000 customers have* signed up, last June.

☐ Telecom Plus, a specialist provider of telecoms services, said it is to join Ofex, the unregulated securities market, through the sale of 2 million shares at 50p each.

## BUSINESS ROUNDUP

## Aer Lingus operating profits increase 4%

AER LINGUS, the Republic of Ireland's state-owned airline which was on the edge of bankruptcy in 1993, yesterday reported a 4 per cent increase in operating profits to £42 million for 1996. Pre-tax profits jumped 130 per cent to £41 million after a sharp cut in interest charges from more than £20 million to £1 million and an exceptional contribution of £4 million. Turnover was up 9 per *cent to £766 million*.

In 1995 Aer Lingus received £50 million as the last tranche of a £175 million rescue package agreed with the Irish Government in 1993 to help it out of its financial crisis. Since then it has carried out an overhaul of its activities, which included 1,350 job losses. Bernie Cahill, group chairman, warned that despite the better than expected results, the company would continue to seek further cost reductions. He added that the improved financial position enhanced the prospects of finding a partner for a strategic *alliance*.

## Disposal hits Lamont

A LOSS on the disposal of Shaws Carpets sent Lamont Holdings, the Northern Ireland textiles group, £8.6 million into the red last year. A year earlier the company made a pretax profit of £9.7 million. The Shaws sale led to a loss of £8.1 million in the year to December 31, *and elimination of £3.5* million of goodwill. Loss per share was 20.6p (22.5p earnings). The final dividend, maintained at 9.15p, is payable on June 13, making a constant full-year 12.8p.

## Abbot aims overseas

ABBOT GROUP, the fast-growing oil services company, is planning a sharp overseas *expansion which it hopes* will more than double its revenues from overseas *oilfields*. The company hopes to complete the business *shift without any more* acquisitions. The enlarged group earned pre-tax profits of £7.45 million in 1996. Earnings were 4.6p a share (3.5p loss) and a final dividend of 1.28p lifts the total to 1.92p (1.68p). The shares rose 4p to 134p.

## Caverdale higher

CAVERDALE, the motor retailing, industrial products and motorcycle accessories group, yesterday reported a 28 per cent rise in pre-tax profits from £4.2 million to £5.4 million for the year ended December 31. The results were helped by strong performances from the motor retailing and industrial products divisions. Overall sales were up 31 per cent, from £187.5 million to £245.8 million. A final dividend of 2p (1.8p) *will be paid on July 1, making the* total dividend 3.6p (3p).

## Cirqual pays interim

CIRQUAL, the specialist engineering company that joined the Alternative Investment Market last summer, yesterday reported a rise in interim pre-tax profits to £2.78 million (£1.34 million) for the six months to February 28. Turnover was also *up, from £9.19 million to £13.47 million, and earnings per* share increased from 5.44p to 8.26p. An interim dividend of 3.27p (nil) will be paid on May 28. The company intends to pay a matching final dividend. The shares rose 9½p to 250p.

## Chesterfield sale

CHESTERFIELD PROPERTIES has sold a 600,000 sq ft *property portfolio, comprising five industrial estates, for a* total of £18.92 million, taking total property sales over the past six months to £116.2 million. The sale price reflects an initial net yield of 11.6 per cent, said the group. Most of the portfolio, in Hertford, Egham, Norwich and Newcastle, generating £2.1 million a year in rental income, has been acquired by the Mars Pension Trustees for £17.45 million.

## ACCOUNTANCY

# SA prompts more questions

### Self-assessment gives rise to certain taxing concerns, says **David Brodie**

On Monday the Inland Revenue started posting *eight million new*style *self-assessment* (SA) tax returns. Tax specialists eagerly await answers to four compelling questions. Is the Revenue capable of administering SA? Will more people turn to professional advisers? Will we witness a mushrooming of "tax *shops*"? And how will the Revenue exercise its extensive new audit powers?

The first thing to strike taxpayers will be the look of their tax returns. Instead of a drab form in a brown envelope, it comes in a blue plastic polywrap. It has bold colour-coding for signposting, and a separate guide and booklet explaining the tax calculation.

It is misleading to talk about *the* tax return. There are 23 versions for different taxpayers' situations. Each has the same initial eight pages requesting common details such as bank and building society interest, payments to pension schemes and other tax reliefs. There may then be extra pages tailored to particular circumstances, to report income from employment, self-employment, rent received from property, capital gains and so on.

Instead of large white spaces *for detailed narrative entries*, the SA return prefers little boxes which can take only a number, a tick or a few words. It is a computer input docu*ment, to be used by the Reve*nue to work out your tax. It is no longer sufficient to report your salary as "per PAYE" — a figure must be entered.

You have until January 31 next year to submit the form, although anyone wanting the taxman to compute their outstanding tax — or refund — *should* file by September 30. This still leaves time to accumulate the necessary information. All employers should provide employees with details of salaries and benefits in kind, on forms P60 and P11D, by May 31 and July 6 respectively. And banks and building societies must provide certificates of interest credited on deposits free of charge upon request.

The Revenue acknowledges that SA has been a massive organisational exercise, and many professionals question its outward confidence that all the pieces are falling safely into place. For example, *there have* been many reports of conflicting advice being offered by tax districts and head office.

The Revenue also acknowledges that it will not be able to cope if most taxpayers choose to file next January, and so it *is* encouraging early submission *of SA returns. Hence* the recent publicity that the taxman will do the calculation for you if you meet the September 30 dead*line. In fact the Revenue will* complete the calculation for later filers too, although there may be interest penalties.

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David Brodie highlights fears about random audits

There is some contention about the development of electronic lodgement, enabling professional firms to submit clients' returns "down the line". Although the Revenue claims to have met all necessary deadlines, some computer companies blame Revenue delays *for their failure to produce* relevant software in time.

The proportion of taxpayers seeking professional advice rose to 72 per cent from 20 per cent when SA was introduced in Australia in 1980. Until now, about half of those completing UK tax returns have sought professional help. The Revenue says SA need not drive anyone else into the arms of an adviser.

It emphasises the user-friendliness of the return, the help available from tax offices and a new out-of-hours helpline. These may be insufficient once taxpayers realise the tough new penalties for incorrect returns, and that tax offices will not help *with tax planning*.

Hence the growth in "tax shops" now advertising cut-price no-frills help with SA returns. But let the buyer beware! Anyone may offer tax advice in the UK. There is no guarantee of the quality of service such organisations will provide. In 1995 TaxAid published a damning report chronicling the dangers of incompetence, negligence and even dishonesty in this unregulated marketplace. It is quite possible that some of the new tax shops may prune costs by employing untrained staff.

Whatever government is in power after May 1, it will be strapped for cash. SA introduces a power of random audit, and experts fear that taxmen will become tougher in conducting audits, spurred on by Treasury demands for extra tax. The recent jailing of Michael Allcock, the former inspec*tor, and reports of a few over*zealous investigators who have broken the traditional ground rules, have done little to instil confidence that tax investigations will continue to be carried out in a "gentlemanly" way.

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## Smokescreen tactics

NOW that self-assessment has been properly launched upon us a new controversy has arisen among the ranks of tax advisers. They are worried about the likelihood of local tax offices using their new-found powers to launch a tax investigation without having to give any reasons to have a quick go at "curiosity cases", where they have often wondered about the tax affairs of someone but have never had enough of a reason to investigate.

One of the ways to limit such a trawl is to file the papers as late as possible. The possibility of an enormous quantity of tax returns being filed on January 30 next year in the hope, as one adviser said, "that they will get past in the smokescreen", may prove too tempting.

## Silent partners

THERE were large numbers of people pretending to be journalists at last week's press launch of the new self-assessment tax forms. In fact most of the large accountancy firms had sent along senior people to observe.

Price Waterhouse even had the firm's head of tax there, and Ernst & Young was repre*sented alongside a solid con*tingent of experts from KPMG. But the pretence of being journalists had a downside. They were barred by the Inland Revenue from asking any questions.

## Good reception

ACCOUNTANCY Television, the short-lived training system funded by the accountancy bodies, was a disaster. So it is good to report that its competitor at the time, TEN, the television education network, is *going from strength to* strength.

This week its Accountants' Channel celebrates its 400th programme — while its relaunched Finance Channel is poised to gain accreditation for CPE, continuing professional education, from CIMA, *the management* accounting body.

Robert Bruce

# Advisers may still have the last laugh

THE Inland Revenue unveiled the final version of its tax return for the brave new world of self-assessment last week and some eight million of them are now clogging up postal services across the country. The form has *brought mixed responses. People in the tax* world are caught between two difficult points.

There is nothing a tax adviser likes better than to rubbish what the tax authorities are up to. It is, after all, good for business if the Revenue is perceived to be doing things in an overcomplex and wrong-headed way. So the natural response is to spread tales of woe.

But the Revenue has worked extraordinarily hard at *self-assessment* and *while its boast* that we now possess "the best tax return worldwide" doesn't say much for the competition the form is probably as good as something as complex as a tax return can be. So advisers, once they have had their rant, are tending to say things that constitute praise for the Revenue, even if the compliments are expressed quietly. It is this confusing position of having to adopt two contradictory positions that will be the central problem for tax advisers in the coming year.

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Swathes of press releases greeted the new forms. Ernst & Young, for example, quoted Phil Davis, its astute national head of tax investigations: "The Inland Revenue *deserve our congratulations* for the design of the new tax return." But in another press release on the same day he is quoted as saying: "My advice to those who receive a tax return is BEWARE." The problem is that the introduction of self-assessment is going rather well — *much* better than anyone dared to hope. But the business of tax advice depends on things going wrong and the adviser sorting them out. Doug Smith is the Revenue's self-assessment programme director. Asked how many more taxpayers would need to hire a tax adviser, he said: "None. No one who *hasn't already got an adviser should* need an adviser."

The Revenue is putting enormous emphasis on two things: its support systems and its ability to calculate the tax for a taxpayer. It has set up 40 work stations through which to run its helpline. And, if taxpayers can get the forms back to the Revenue by the end of September, it will do the tax calculations for them based on the information submitted.

All this depends on a huge change in taxpayer behaviour. There is no reason why people shouldn't put aside a series of evenings, wrap the towels around their heads and get the form filled out. But however you simplify it, any tax form is still going to worry and baffle the person filling it in. For the Revenue *and for seasoned* tax people the forms are logical and clear to follow. But there are, to the Revenue, a surprising number of people who struggle with the logic of instructions such as "if W65 is less than £500, you do not need to make a payment on account. Leave 18.6 blank and tick 18.8 on your tax return. If W65 is equal to or more than £500, carry on".

The number of people who are going to fall *at some hurdle* or other will not become much *smaller* because *the* form is redesigned. John Whiting, head of tax at Price Waterhouse, sat in on the Revenue's press launch as an observer and, though happy with the *signs that the new* system is a more efficient one, *remained* unhappy *about the* optimism expressed. He cited the failure rate on this year's effort in getting forms in on time: "If *this year's* figures are repeated, then a million people will pay penalties next year." And he emphasised the huge change in behaviour that will be required to make the system work.

It is all too easy for the Revenue to believe its own booklets *and assume that* everyone will jump to it, gather up their personal documents, follow the forms from box to box and get the resulting effort into the tax office on time. Life ought to work like that. But we all know that it does not. And it is here that the tax advisers are more likely to be proved right than the tax gatherers.

Penalties will make headlines. The idea that the costs of dealing with a random audit are incurred by the taxpayer and that they are not deductible will rankle. The realisation that after the 7,500 random inquiries into taxpayers' affairs there will be equally *numerous trawling* expeditions into specific taxpayers' affairs, what one tax adviser refers to as "the curiosity cases", will not go down well. And we will all await the tabloid coverage of unfortunate and blameless elderly pensioners being asked by the Revenue to sort out their bank statements and look lively about it.

All this was predictable. But the Revenue, keen on logic, rather than human behaviour and natural apprehension, has taken a long time to understand. Tax advisers, in a year's time, may have the last laugh.

# Equities fail to hold on to gains

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 489 | 407½ | Allied Domecq | 437½ | - 6½ | 6.7 | 13.2 |
| 626 | 547½ | Bulmer (HP) | 587 | - 1½ | 2.9 | 17.5 |
| 75½ | 57½ | Burn Stewart | 60 | + ½ | 7.1 | 14.9 |
| 1040 | 865 | Glenmorangie A | 1000 | | 1.5 | 27.2 |
| 503½ | 425½ | Grand Met | 490½ | + 7½ | 4.1 | 15.8 |
| 518½ | 424 | Guinness | 496 | | 4.1 | 14.1 |
| 380 | 334 | Highland Dist | 346 | | 3.0 | 16.1 |
| 336 | 257 | Matthew Clark | 327½ | + 2½ | 9.2 | 15.8 |
| 109½ | 90½ | Mirvdon W | 90½ | | 6.4 | 12.2 |
| 1978½ | 1462½ | SA Breweries | 1898½ | - 16½ | 1.8 | .. |

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| 1997 High | Low | Company | Price (p) | +/- | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4706½ | 3671½ | ABN-AMRO | 4025 | + 28½ | 2.8 | 16.7 |
| 811 | 710 | Abbey Natl | 773½ | + 3 | 4.2 | 13.7 |
| 455½ | 388½ | Allied Irish | 419½ | + 4 | 4.3 | |
| 409½ | 363½ | Aus New Z | 380 | - 5 | 5.0 | .. |
| 7678½ | 5753½ | Bank America | 6606½ | + 153½ | | |
| 373½ | 291½ | Bank Scotland | 321½ | | 2.8 | 11.8 |
| 1226 | 978½ | Barclays | 1064½ | ... | 3.7 | 10.8 |
| 635 | 517½ | Bk of Ireland | 602½ | + 2½ | 3.5 | 13.6 |
| 7890½ | 6006½ | Citicorp | 7068½ | + 168½ | | ... |
| 1731½ | 1268½ | Commerzbk | 1646½ | - 6½ | 2.6 | |
| 862½ | 587½ | Dai Ichi Kan Y | 580½ | - 31½ | 0.7 | ... |
| 3490½ | 2708½ | Deutsche Bk | 3259½ | - 16½ | 2.0 | |
| 912½ | 759½ | Espirito Santo | 893½ | ... | 3.8 | 12.6 |
| 872½ | 600½ | Fuji Bank Y | 624½ | - 28½ | 0.7 | |
| 1622 | 1272½ | HSBC | 1508 | + 21½ | 3.4 | 13.1 |
| 1563½ | 1241 | HSBC HK | 1454½ | + 18 | 3.5 | 12.6 |
| 605 | 483½ | Irish Perm | 587 | | 2.8 | |
| 534 | 424 | Lloyds TSB | 510 | + 7½ | 3.2 | 16.5 |
| 819½ | 668½ | Nat Aust Bk | 776 | + 19½ | 5.3 | 10.4 |
| 844½ | 666 | Nat West | 699 | - 4½ | 5.2 | 10.5 |
| 632½ | 506 | Royl Bk Scot | 544 | + ½ | 4.3 | 12.0 |
| 900½ | 681 | Stand Chart | 845 | - 4½ | 2.1 | 15.1 |
| £164½ | £164½ | Wells Fargo | £164½ | .. | 1.9 | .. |
| 374½ | 321¼ | Westpac | 321¼ | - 9½ | 4.2 | 10.4 |

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| 1997 High | Low | Company | Price (p) | +/- | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 878½ | 793½ | Bass | 817½ | + 2 | 3.8 | 16.1 |
| 68½ | 53½ | Brk for the Bdr | 53½ | | 4.0 | 14.6 |
| 205 | 170½ | Burtonwood Brw | 184½ | | 3.8 | 16.6 |
| 156½ | 137½ | City Centre Rest | 140½ | - 8 | 2.3 | |
| 744½ | 612½ | Compass Gp | 680 | + 15½ | 1.6 | 26.9 |
| 350½ | 250 | Eldridge P 'A' | 278½ | | 2.4 | 17.1 |
| 496 | 435 | Fullr Sm A' | 482½ | | 2.4 | 16.1 |
| 586 | 508½ | Greenalls Gp | 534½ | + 4 | 3.6 | 16.8 |
| 750 | 643 | Greene King | 701 | + 2½ | 2.9 | 17.3 |
| 237½ | 164½ | Grosvenor Inns | 193½ | | 3.9 | 18.7 |
| 285 | 218½ | Groupe Chez Ger | 241½ | - 1 | 1.5 | 23.6 |
| 298½ | 273½ | Hardy Hanson | 278½ | | 4.8 | 12.6 |
| 2800 | 2700 | Holt J | 2775 | + 37½ | 2.6 | 14.9 |
| 78 | 63½ | Inn Business | 73½ | - ½ | 2.7 | |
| 357 | 343 | Mansfield | 351 | + 1 | 2.2 | 16.1 |
| 315½ | 252 | Marston Thmp | 278 | - 1 | 3.4 | 10.4 |
| 615 | 563 | Morland | 596 | - 4 | 2.8 | 15.7 |
| 47½ | 32½ | Paramount | 33½ | | | |
| 820½ | 527½ | PizzaExpress | 698½ | + 1 | 0.5 | 45.6 |
| 437½ | 337½ | Ramsdens (H) | 410 | | 1.5 | 38.7 |
| 378½ | 284 | Regent Inns | 315½ | | 1.0 | 30.2 |
| 700½ | 643½ | Scott & New | 668½ | | 3.8 | 20.3 |
| 289 | 248½ | Vaux Group | 269½ | + 4 | 4.9 | 12.8 |
| 1190 | 1105 | Wetherspoon JD | 1182½ | | 1.0 | 26.4 |
| 819 | 738½ | Whitbread | 780 | + 6½ | 3.6 | 15.8 |
| 706½ | 627½ | Wolvrhmptn D | 685 | + 4½ | 3.2 | 14.6 |
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■ FILM 1

With *The People vs. Larry Flynt* Milos Forman returns to something like his old irreverent self

■ FILM 2

Nihilism runs riot in Swansea, or at least it does in the loutish Swansea of *Twin Town*

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■ FILM 3

After the lucrative return of *Star Wars*, the (slightly) enhanced *Empire Strikes Back* hits the screens again

■ FILM 4

Half Nelson? Is the new documentary film of Nelson Mandela's life too reverential?

CINEMA: **Geoff Brown** finds himself rooting for the bad guy in Milos Forman's ebullient *The People vs. Larry Flynt*

# For a good time, call on the scumbag

Courtney Love and Woody Harrelson as Althea Leasure and Larry Flynt, the alternative all-American couple and everybody's favourite porn brokers

**The People vs. Larry Flynt**
Warner West End
18, 130 mins
*Bracing portrait of the American pornographer*

**Twin Town**
Warner West End
18, 99 mins
*Rough and nasty comedy drama set in Swansea*

**The Empire Strikes Back**
Odeon Leicester Square
U, 126 mins
*. . . but doesn't deliver a knockout punch*

**Bits and Pieces**
Everyman, 15, 110 mins
*Absorbing tapestry of Italian life*

**Total Eclipse**
ABC Piccadilly
18, 106 mins
*Unedifying drama about Rimbaud and Verlaine*

After being shot by a sniper outside a Georgia courthouse, an event that puts him in a wheelchair, millionaire pornographer Larry Flynt says: "I've got to move somewhere where perverts are welcome." We cut immediately to his next port of call, Hollywood.

The joke is amusing, yet it also alerts us to the unusual status of **The People vs. Larry Flynt** in mainstream American cinema. Milos Forman's rollercoaster ride through the life of the brazen publisher of *Hustler* magazine takes place mostly between 1972 and 1984, years when conservative forces increasingly stifled the iconoclastic spirit bequeathed by the 1960s.

Today's Hollywood, by and large, is even more conformist than the Hollywood Flynt knew. It loves formulae: it loves to play safe. But here is Woody Harrelson, Flynt's impersonator, wearing the American flag as a nappy, flinging oranges at a judge and arguing all the way to the Supreme Court the right to suggest for satirical purposes that the Rev Jerry Falwell, high priest of the religious right, had sex with his own mother.

We expect confrontation from Oliver Stone, the film's co-producer. We expect eccentricities from scriptwriters Scott Alexander and Larry Karaszewski: they gave us *Ed Wood*. But we have forgotten to expect anything outlandish from Forman. True, he satirised Czech society in the 1960s and championed the American outsider in *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*. But since the 1980s Forman has either been lost to lavish period dramas or marooned on unfulfilled projects: this is his first film since *Valmont* in 1989. While a few notches below his very best work, *Larry Flynt* reminds us vividly of his humane and irreverent spirit, grasp of comic detail and knack for assembling an off-beat cast blending the professional and amateur.

Some of Forman's "discoveries" will pass over British heads. Who will spot Donna Hanover, a breakfast television reporter, as the evangelist sister of Jimmy Carter, who triggers Flynt's brief conversion to Christianity? We do better with James Carville, the "ragin' Cajun" of Clinton's 1992 election campaign, cast as an anti-porn crusader.

We do better still with rock singer Courtney Love, raw and dangerous as Flynt's devoted wife Althea, ultimately ravaged by drug addiction and Aids. Hers is a startling performance. It's hard not to be riveted, too, by Edward Norton as Alan Isaacman, the civil rights lawyer who in the script, if not in life, fights all Flynt's battles. And Harrelson puts on a great show as the porn merchant who rightly labels himself a scumbag, yet still earns our admiration for his honesty and fighting spirit.

If the film had been made closer to the events it describes, no doubt Forman's attack would be sharper: for all the outrageousness on display, the film is still soft round the edges. But even diluted anarchy is welcome when so much American cinema only offers more of the same: guns, blood and space ships.

If outrageousness comes naturally to a movie about Larry Flynt, in Kevin Allen's **Twin Town** you can feel the film-makers straining to outdo themselves in antisocial behaviour. We start with joyriding, drugs and solvent abuse: the British cinema's new calling cards following the success of *Trainspotting*, whose production team (Andrew Macdonald and Danny Boyle) helped to launch this latest missile. Only the particular regional setting — the mean streets and caravan parks of Swansea — provides any novelty.

Then, after a ragged comic half-hour, characters stop banging around the screen like pinballs and generate a tit-for-tat plot. The father of two tearaway brothers falls from a roof while working. The contractor (William Thomas) offers no compensation. The brothers (Rhys Ifans and Llyr Evans, real-life siblings) declare open warfare. A cherished poodle is decapitated. People are urinated upon, trussed up in their garage, set on fire. The malice and cruelty become overwhelming.

The film would be easier to bear if Kevin Allen, a television actor with some football documentaries to his credit, displayed a firm hand as a director. But he shoves his images on to the screen with the same reckless force by which his characters live. He can inspire vigorous performances and concoct vivid moments: take the roadside collision between the twins and a marching band in national dress. But he cannot move the film forward from one scene to the next, or secure even passing sympathy for the drug-dealers, bent coppers and fools who populate this Swansea. Two-fingered gestures are fine in cinema if there is real meaning, real rage, behind them: *Twin Town* is only being nihilistic and nasty because it is fashionable.

"Set your weapons for stun," Darth Vader orders his minions in **The Empire Strikes Back**, like its predecessor, *Star Wars*, back on screen in a new edition. George Lucas and his director Irvin Kershner must have given their troops the same command when the film moved into active production in 1979. Compared to *Star Wars* there is more of everything: hurtling space ships, laser beam battles, fantastic creatures, even human characterisation. "Improvements" to the new print include digital treatment of the opening snow battle, and an enlarged cityscape for the floating HQ of Billy Dee Williams's shifty Lando Calrissian.

Are we stunned? Not really, least of all by Yoda, the tiresome creature who furthers Luke Skywalker's understanding of the Force. But fans of the original will flock to see how time has treated Harrison Ford, Carrie Fisher and company. The rest of us can shuffle off to the ABC Panton Street, London, where a genuine cinema masterwork, Orson Welles's *Citizen Kane*, is back on view.

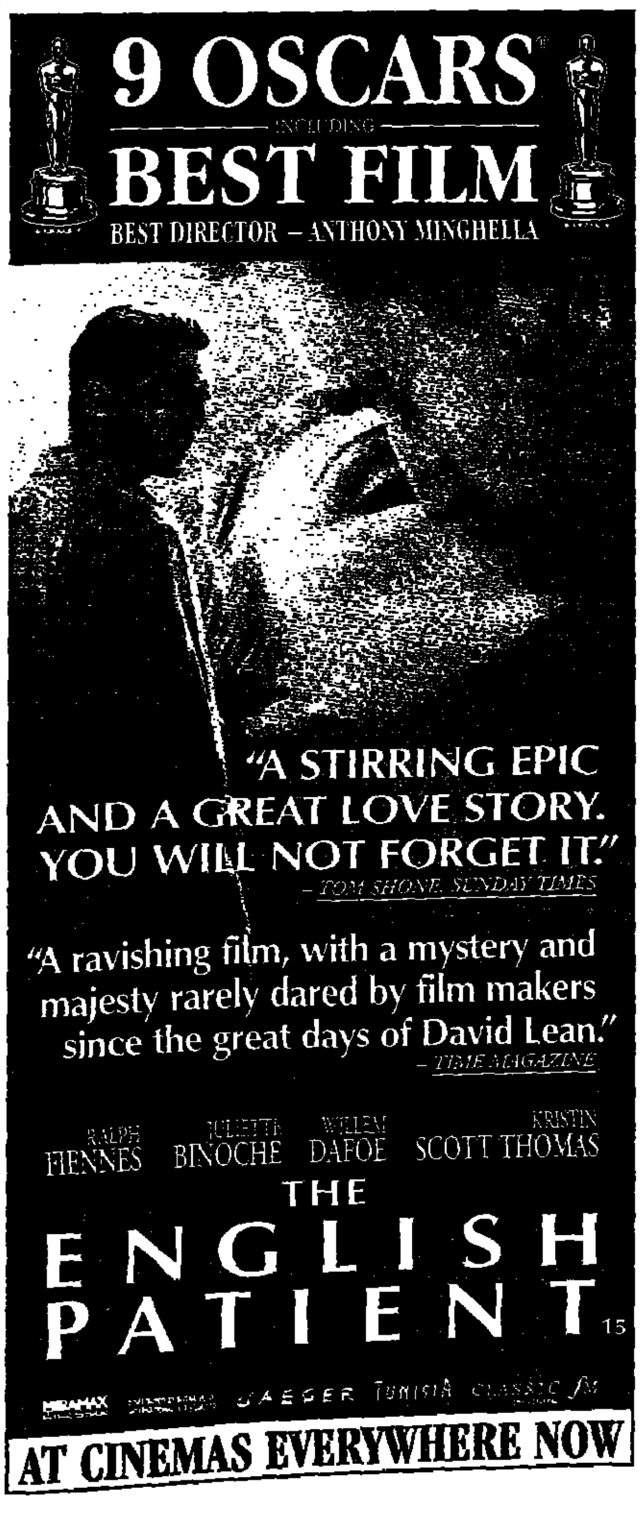
Considering that some people are hammered to death and shot by a contract killer, the absorbing Italian film **Bits and Pieces** is remarkably sanguine about the cruelties of life. One reason, perhaps, is that nothing is dwelt upon: here is a film with more than 60 characters and some 30 miniature stories, woven together in a tapestry depicting one day in Rome from dawn to dusk.

This is the second feature of director Antonello Grimaldi, and he composes his city symphony with an affection shadowed by unease about urban pressures. He admits to the influence of Robert Altman, but the Altman of *Nashville* rather than *Short Cuts*. The film's cumulative power derives in part from Grimaldi's use of trivial incidents; here are bruising encounters with shopkeepers and traffic wardens, casual revelations of deception and infidelity.

A few well-known faces dot the cast — Enrico Lo Verso, as a romantically inclined postman, will be the most familiar. But everyone blends in seamlessly in Rome's streets, offices and bars (not much time is spent at home). This is a ruminative, small-scale epic, a film to seek out and savour.

Bad behaviour is not the preserve only of Kevin Allen's Swansea. French 19th-century poets could be brutes too. Look at **Total Eclipse**, where Leonardo DiCaprio's Rimbaud spends far more time belching, spitting and stabbing Verlaine's hand than writing, while Verlaine himself (David Thewlis) enjoys kicking his pregnant wife.

The film, shot largely in France early in 1995, is a belated adaptation of Christopher Hampton's play, written when he was 18. He does not bring mature wisdom to revisiting his text; there is no suggestion that, human flaws acknowledged, these two are great poets. Neither Agnieszka Holland's direction nor the cast help. Holland's close-ups emphasise the unsavoury; Thewlis is distinctly unpleasant, while DiCaprio's performance recalls the Tom Hulce effect in *Amadeus* — a European artist is turned into an American brat.



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# The making of Mandela

**Nigel Williamson** meets the man who filmed South Africa's president

For some reason the world's leading movie-makers have shied away from one of the most powerful sagas of the 20th century. The Nelson Mandela story is the very stuff from which instant legends — and epic movies — are made. Yet only now, seven years after he was freed from prison and three years after he was elected president, has Mandela become the subject of a full-length, big-screen, Oscar-nominated biopic.

The film director Jo Menell first suggested the picture to the ANC leader in 1993. For 20 years a hot-shot television correspondent, Menell had returned to his native South Africa following the lifting of a 20-year ban, and met Mandela at a family celebration.

"He is a very good friend of my brother Clive, who still lives there, and he came to my niece's wedding. I asked him how his autobiography was going, then I asked him who was making the film." No one, said Mandela. "I told him there and then that I wanted to make it. He said OK."

What Menell had in mind was not some glossy Hollywood blockbuster staring Morgan Freeman or Denzel Washington, but a warts-and-all documentary based on unlimited fly-on-the-wall access in the run-up to the democratic elections of 1994. Mandela agreed without restriction, and also wrote to friends, family and colleagues asking them to co-operate.

"We agreed that Mandela would have the right to correct any factual errors but that was all," Menell says. "He told me to go out and look for criticism, he urged me to ask the difficult questions."

Some will say that in this last respect Menell has failed, but the director claims it was virtually impossible to find anyone prepared to criticise. There are no scenes in which Mandela loses his temper, behaves unreasonably or treats people badly — because, says Menell, in seven months of constant filming, such moments simply never occurred.

The only discernible flaw concerns his children. "He was a terrible father, never there for his kids, always putting politics first." The film deals unsentimentally with the way Mandela cast aside his first wife, Evelyn, and the subsequent marriage to and separation from Winnie, who is interviewed at length. "I am glad she comes across sympathetically because she went through a lot. I thought Mandela might ask us to remove his love letters from prison which she made available, but he kept to our agreement."

If Menell's film is not a critical portrait it is certainly a candid and intimate one. Mandela is seen making his own bed (a habit he has apparently been unable to break from prison days) and arguing with his aides over changing a shirt he has worn for two days ("people only look at my face").

Very rarely Mandela allows himself to become emotional; there can have been few more moving scenes on celluloid than Mandela's return to Robben Island. "I took him back for the first time and he looked around his old cell and said, 'Much smaller than I imagined.' Then he talked of his mother's last visit and how he knew he wouldn't see her again because she was very ill. I couldn't ask any other questions after that. He stood there in silence and we let the camera run."

The most revealing contrast between the private man and the public figurehead came when Mandela learnt of the assassination of Chris Hani, the former chief of staff of the ANC's military wing. "He loved Hani, who was his logical successor. When he heard he put his head in his hands with grief for five minutes and said nothing. But he was meeting some white rugby team, big tough Afrikaners. He went out there and greeted every one of them and said pleased to meet you as if nothing had happened. There is the steel."

Menell's picture lost out as best documentary in the Oscars to the Muhammad Ali biopic, yet he is philosophical. "I didn't make this movie to be big box office. What I hope is that people will still be watching the video in years to come, that they will treasure it as a record of a most extraordinary event."

● *Mandela opens at the Ritzy in Brixton tomorrow, followed by selected regional release*

Jo Menell (rear) with his co-director Angus Gibson and Nelson Mandela during the seven months of filming

# 'A tour de force'

*Every week, young film fans discuss the latest releases . . .*

## SNAP VERDICT

☐ ***THE PEOPLE VS. LARRY FLYNT***

**George Lamb, 18:** The most snappy and acidic film I've seen about a porn-again Christian.

**Tim Thornton, 21:** A tour de force from Milos Forman. A terrific cast: touching and hilarious throughout.

**Damian Samuels, 19:** Well-acted and highly entertaining film which deserved more notice at this year's Academy Awards.

**Leslie Isaiah Thomas, 18:** A moving and important film. Courtney Love's performance was appropriate.

☐ ***TWIN TOWN***

**George:** A downbeat *Trainspotting* without the edge.

**Tim:** A gripping romp, although in some places the violent thrills and the comedy did not blend as well as they might have.

**Damian:** *Shallow Grave* meets *Funny Bones* meets *Ivor the Engine* in this brilliant black comedy.

**Leslie:** Will do for Wales what drugs and porn have done for Holland.

☐ ***THE EMPIRE STRIKES BACK***

**George:** Once again George Lucas delivers the goods. The second of the Big Three will no doubt double its cult following.

**Tim:** A non-stop action-packed rollercoaster. If you see one out of the three *Star Wars* films make it this one.

**Damian:** Unlike the *Police Academy* series, this proves that sequels can be equals.

**Leslie:** Striking stuff.

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**George Orwell's *Animal Farm* plays at home and abroad**

VENUE: Previews begin tonight at the Young Vic

■ CHOICE 2

**Return of the prodigal: Nigel Kennedy plays Hendrix and Bach**

VENUE: Tonight at the Festival Hall

# THE TIMES ARTS

■ NEW VIDEOS

**Kurt Russell blasts out of futuristic Los Angeles; and Gary Cooper makes *A Farewell to Arms***

■ NEW CDS

**EMI's Debut series celebrates Thomas Adès and other rising stars of classical music**

## TODAY'S CHOICE

**A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Gillian Maxey**

### LONDON

**ANIMAL FARM**: Northern Stage's vigorous adaptation of Orwell's popular fable plays a short season in London before its international tour.
**Young Vic**, 66 The Cut, SE1 (0171-928 6363). Previews begin tonight, 7.30pm. Opens April 15, 7.30pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Tue and Thurs, 2pm. Until May 3

**THE HERBAL BED**: Peter Whelan's *fascinating play transfers from the* Barbican: some cast changes but Teresa Banham continues to play Shakespeare's daughter, and Stephen Boxer her Puritan Inquisitor.
**Duchess**, Catherine Street, WC2 (0171-494 5075). Previews begin tonight, 7.30pm. Opens April 16, 7.30pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Wed and Sat, 2.30pm.

**NIGEL KENNEDY**: The innovative violinist is joined by John Etheridge, *guitar*, and Rory McFarlane, double-bass, in a programme which juxtaposes solo violin works by Bach and Bartók with acoustic interpretations of Jimi Hendrix.
**Festival Hall**, South Bank, SE1 (0171-960 4242). Tonight, 7.30pm Ⓢ

**WALLACE & GROMIT**: The Oscar-winning plasticine characters created by Nick Park make their theatrical debut in *A Grand Night Out*, a new comedy-adventure for all the family written and directed by Andrew Dawson
**Churchill**, High Street (0181-460 6677). Tonight-Thurs, 7.45pm, Fri and Sat, 6pm and 9pm. Until April 19.

### ELSEWHERE

**IPSWICH**: Regional premiere of Tom Stoppard's **Arcadia**, bittersweet and witty, set in a stately home today and in the time of Byron
**Wolsey**, Civic Drive (01473 253725). Opens tonight, 7.45pm. Then Tue-Fri, 7.45pm, Sat, 8pm; mats Wed (April 16, 23), 2.30pm, Sat, 4pm. Until April 26.

**MANCHESTER**: Gareth Tudor Price directs Contact Theatre Company in Steven Berkoff's adaptation of Kafka's **The Trial**. With Matthew Dunster.
**Dancehouse**, Oxford Road (0161-274 4400). Opens tonight, 7.30pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mat Wed (Apr 23), 2pm. Until April 26.

**MOLD**: Martin Duncan directs Miltos Yerolemou in the title role of Goldoni's celebrated farce, **The Servant of Two Masters**. Zany musicians will cook spaghetti in the orchestra pit.
**Antony Hopkins Studio**, Theatr Clwyd (01352 755114). Opens tonight, 7.30pm. Then Mon-Fri, 7.30pm, Sat, 8pm; mat Sat, 3pm. Until May 3.

**SOUTHEND**: The comedian **David Baddiel**, star of *Fantasy Football League* and *The Mary Whitehouse Experience*, tours his first solo, stand-up show to more than 35 venues nationwide. For more information, call the tour hotline on 0891 887766.
**Cliffs Pavilion** (01702 351135). Tonight, 8pm. Then **St Albans**, Arena (01727 844488), tomorrow; **Newbury**, Corn Exchange (01635 522733), Monday.

### LONDON GALLERIES

***Barbican:*** Lucie Rie and Hans Coper: Potters in Parallel (0171-638 4141) . . . **Boundary**: David Breuer-Weil paintings, drawings and sculpture (0171-624 1126) . . . **Design Museum:** Charlotte Perriand: Modernist Pioneer (0171-378 6055) . . . **Gallery 27:** Evidence: Recent Jazz Paintings by John Bull (0171-437 2812) . . . **National Portrait**: August Sander (0171-306 0055) . . . **New Academy**: Jacqueline and Sophia Rizvi (0171-323 4700) . . . **October**: Julieta Rubio and *Charles Beauchamp* (0171-242 7367) **Redfern**: Spring Exhibition 1997. Modern and Contemporary Prints and Ceramics by Picasso (0171-734 1732) **Royal Academy**: Contemporary Satirists (0171-439 7438) . . . **Saatchi:** Duane Hanson (0171-624 8299)

## THEATRE GUIDE

**Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London**

■ **House full, returns only**
◩ **Some seats available**
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☐ **ANTONY AND CLEOPATRA:** Jonathan Oliver and Alphonsia Emmanuel play the infatuated lovers in Carol Metcalfe's production, set in 1940s Egypt and Rome
**Bridewell**, Bride Lane, EC4 (0171-936 3456). Previews begin tonight, 7.30pm. *Opens April 11, 7.30pm. Then Tue-Sat,* 7.30pm; mat Sun, 4.30pm. Until May 3.

☐ **BIRDY**: *Northern Exposure* actor Rob Morrow joins Kevin Knight's cast in Naomi Wallace's fascinating version of the William Wharton novel.
**Comedy**, Panton Street, SW1 (0171-369 1731). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 5pm.

☐ **CIGARETTES AND CHOCOLATE:** An affair, a pregnancy, Bach and a bag lady feature in this stage version of the award-winning radio play by Anthony Minghella.
**Man in the Moon**, 392 King's Road, SW3 (0171-351 2876). Tue-Sun, 8pm. Until April 27

☐ **CRACKED**: In Daniel hill's curious comedy set in the desert, a cast of nine men, *including Anthony Calf and* Alexander Hanson, play members of an army unit intended to treat traumatised soldiers. Under pressure, they fall apart.
**Hampstead**, Swiss Cottage Centre, NW3 (0171-722 9301). Previews begin tonight, 8pm. Opens April 15, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat, 8pm; mat Sat, 3.30pm

☐ **THE CRITICS — UP FOR REVIEW**: Four theatre critics, including the assessor for this guide, hazard their reputation by testing their skills at directing. Michael Billington chooses Strindberg's *The Stronger* and Pinter's *The Lover*; James Christopher tackles a new play by Robert Young: *The Shoe Shop of Desire*; Nicholas de Jongh directs Anouilh's *The Traveller Without Luggage*: and Jeremy Kingston goes for Michel Tremblay's *Albertine in Five Times*. Hurry, while tickets last
***BAC Main House and Studios 1 and 2***, Lavender Hill, SW11 (0171-223 2223). Opens tonight and tomorrow. Then Tue-Sat; mats Sun, various times. For details ring box office. Until August 27

■ **KING LEAR**: Ian Holm in the title *role, heading a splendid cast (Timothy* West as Gloucester, Michael Bryant as the Fool) in Richard Eyre's production.
**National (Cottesloe)**, South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252). Tonight-Sat, 7pm. In rep

☐ ***LANGUAGE ROULETTE***: *Daragh* Carville's fast-talking play set in a Belfast pub on a pound-a-pint night where jollity turns to dangerous truth-telling.
**Bush**, Shepherds Bush Green, W12 (0181-743 3388). Mon-Sat, 8pm.

◩ **MARLENE**: Siân Phillips plays (and sings) Dietrich in Pam Gems's attractive stage-bio, with Lou Gish and Billy Mathias. Sean Mathias directs.
**Lyric**, *Shaftesbury Avenue*, W1 (0171-494 50-45). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm

☐ **THE POWER OF DARKNESS:** Tolstoy's drama of adultery, murder and redemption in a Russian peasant household, translated by Anthony Clark and directed by Sean Holmes.
**Orange Tree**, Clarence Street, Richmond (0181-940 3633). Previews begin tonight, 7.45pm. Opens April 11.

☐ **THE SCHOOL FOR WIVES**: Peter Bowles both touching and comic as Molière's deluded hero. Eric Sykes excellent as his ficker-fingered servant.
**Piccadilly**, Denman Street, W1 (0171-369 1734). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed, 3pm, and Sat, 5pm.

### LONG RUNNERS

◩ **Buddy**: Strand (0171-930 8800)
◩ **Grease**: Cambridge (0171-494 5080)
◩ ***An Inspector Calls***: Garrick (0171-494 5085) . . ☐ **Jesus Christ Superstar**: Lyceum (0171-656 1807)
◩ **Miss Saigon**: Drury Lane (0171-494 5400) . . . ☐ **Oliver!**: Palladium (0171-494 5020) . . ■ **The Phantom of the Opera**: Her Majesty's (0171-494 5400)
◩ **Starlight Express**: Apollo Victoria (0171-416 6054) . . . ☐ **The Woman in Black**: Fortune (0171-836 2238)

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## CINEMA GUIDE

**Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country**

### NEW RELEASES

◆ **FEVER PITCH** (15): Football-crazed teacher falls in love. Appealing version of Nick Hornby's book, with Colin Firth, Ruth Gemmell. Director, David Evans.
**Clapham Picture House** (0171-498 3323) **Odeons: Kensington** (0181-315 4214) **Marble Arch** (0181-315 4216) **Swiss Cottage** (0181-315 4220) **West End** (0181-315 4221) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **UCI Whiteleys** (0990-888 990) **Virgin Chelsea** (0171-352 5096)

◆ **HARD MEN** (18): Tension among London hitmen. Meretricious British *thriller in the Tarantino mould.*
**ABC Piccadilly** (0171-437 3561)

**A SELF-MADE HERO** (15): Jacques Audiard's captivating film about a bogus Resistance hero in the Second World War, with Mathieu Kassovitz.
***Curzon Mayfair*** *(0171-369 1720)* **Phoenix** (0181-883 2233) **Renoir** (0171-837 8402) **Rio** (0171-254 6677)

**TOKYO FIST** (18): Cyberpunk love triangle from Japanese director Shinya Tsukamoto. Not for the squeamish.
**ICA Cinema** (0171-930 3647)

### CURRENT

**BASQUIAT** (15): Fascinating portrait of the black graffiti artist of the 1980s, portrayed by Jeffrey Wright
**Gate** Ⓢ (0171-727 4043) **Lumiere** (0171-836 0691) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **Screen on the Hill** (0171-435 3366) **Virgin Chelsea** (0171-352 5096)

◆ **BOUND** (18): Thriller about two sultry *lesbians and a pile of Mob money, with* Jennifer Tilly and Gina Gershon. Directed by the Wachowski brothers.
**Odeon Mezzanine** (0181-315 4215) **Virgin Haymarket** (0171-839 1527)

◆ ***DANTE'S PEAK*** *(12): Erupting* volcano threatens Pierce Brosnan and Linda Hamilton. Silly script, good effects.
**ABCs: Baker Street** (0171-935 9772) **Tottenham Court Road** (0171-636 6148) **Empire** (0990 888990) **Odeon Swiss Cottage** (0181-315 4220) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0990 888990) **Virgins: Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Trocadero** Ⓢ (0171-434 0031)

◆ **JERRY MAGUIRE** (15): A sports PR *agent gets a conscience. Enjoyable, if* overlong comedy, with Oscar-nominated Tom Cruise.
**Empire** (0990 888990) **Odeons: Kensington** (0181-315 4214) **Marble Arch** (0181-315 4216) **Swiss Cottage** (0181-315 4220) **Plaza** Ⓢ (0990 888990) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0990 888990) **Virgins: Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Trocadero** Ⓢ (0171-434 0031)

◆ **THE PORTRAIT OF A LADY** (12): Jane Campion's icily elegant adaptation of Henry James, with Nicole Kidman as the independent American sucked into a marriage in Europe.
**Virgin Haymarket** (0171-839 1523)

◆ **RIDICULE** (15): Patrice Leconte's witty and diverting costume piece set in Louis XVI's court, with Fanny Ardant, Jean Rochefort.
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◆ **SPACE JAM** (U): Sports star Michael Jordan collides with characters from Looney Tunes cartoons. A juvenile mess; director, Joe Pytka.
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# Noisy, brutish . . . and Kurt

Kurt Russell returns as Snake Plissken in John Carpenter's *Escape from LA*

## NEW ON VIDEO

### ■ ESCAPE FROM LA

*CIC, 15, 1996*

BLOWSY futuristic action movie from John Carpenter, peddling much the same plot as his earlier *Escape from New York*. Kurt Russell returns, sporting his eyepatch, as the maverick felon Snake Plissken, forced to save the President's neck and snatch a doomsday weapon from the anarchists who thrive in LA's ruins. Satire pokes through here and there, but imagination eventually gets trampled by noise and violence. Available to rent.

### ■ COURAGE UNDER FIRE

*Fox Guild, 15, 1996*

ALMOST the *Rashomon* of war movies, with its conflicting accounts of the past behaviour of a female army captain during Desert Storm, up for a posthumous Medal of Honour. Edward Zwick's flawed but interesting film asks intelligent questions as it probes characters' guilts and mysteries; though Meg Ryan's captain, snatched only in flashbacks, seems a gaping hole compared to Denzel Washington's lieutenant colonel, the tortured man preparing her report. Available to rent.

### ■ DESTINATION MOON

*Blue Dolphin, U, 1950*

VIEWED in the context of today's space movies, this planetary journey may seem as exciting as a trip to Sainsbury's. But George Pal's production — vaguely based on a Robert Heinlein novel — deserves respect for its pioneering status, its Oscar-winning special effects and genuine concern for technical accuracy. The cast is serviceable, but Dick Wesson's wisecracking electronic engineer, meant as comic relief, proves no relief at all.

### ■ A FAREWELL TO ARMS

*Orbit Media, PG, 1932*

FORGET about Richard Attenborough's vacuous account of young Hemingway's romance in *In Love and War*. Better to see this vintage treatment of the novel Hemingway wrote about the experience, with Gary Cooper as the American ambulance driver during the First World War who falls in love with an English nurse (Helen Hayes). Few Hollywood directors could match Frank Borzage's skill in portraying the power of love, and the sensuous images go a long way to offset the creakier elements in the script.

### ■ MULHOLLAND FALLS

*PolyGram, 18, 1996*

GREAT gents' tailoring, great 1950s cars. But something is wrong with a mystery thriller when the period surface looms so large. We should be more concerned with Nick Nolte and the other hardcases at the LAPD and their quest to nail the murderers of Jennifer Connelly, found harbouring a shard of radioactive glass. Since the director is Lee Tamahori, New Zealand director of *Once Were Warriors*, the film's lack of punch is particularly saddening. A rental release.

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Three of the piano pieces which revealed him as one of the most fluent and sparkily imaginative of young composers writing today are represented here: *Darknesse visible*, a haunting recomposition of Dowland's song *In darknesse let me dwell*; *Still Something*, in which a strip of Blu-Tack is stuck over the central range of the piano strings and sets up a prismatic divided spectrum of sound; and *Traced Overhead*, a new and intricate three-movement piano piece premiered in Cheltenham last summer. Here, too, is Adès's wonderful Op 1, the song cycle *Five Eliot Landscapes*, in which the composer, still young and easy under the apple boughs of New Hampshire, accompanies a flaming young soprano, Valdine Anderson.

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WHILE there is no shortage of Mozart piano concerto cycles on disc, you should hasten to make room on the shelves for another, if this first instalment is anything to go by. The American pianist Richard Goode, known to British audiences primarily for his Beethoven and Schubert, is partnered by the conductor-less, modern-instrument Orpheus Chamber Orchestra. They have played together for many years, yet have still prepared these two performances meticulously, as is evident from every bar. Phrases are shaped impeccably, balances are precisely calculated and everything is guided by a unanimity of purpose impressive in an ensemble of such a size.

The concertos played are No 18 in B Flat Major (K456) — one of the less hackneyed, but also one of Goode's favourites — and the dark-hued *Don Giovanni*-like No 20 in D Minor (K466). The former has some wonderfully poignant moments too, especially in the Andante, which soloist and orchestra colour in affectionately. K.466 is approached in an almost Beethovenian spirit, a feeling reinforced by the use of the cadenza by the later master in the first movement.

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Angela Gheorghiu, after her highly successful *Traviata* with Solti, finds Magda also a role ideal for her talents, which grow by the year. Again she is marvellously supported by her conductor, this time Antonio Pappano, whose supple and responsive hands guide the London Symphony Orchestra through this gentlest of Puccini's scores. *La rondine* might be slight, but Act II, in which Magda and Ruggero meet in a restaurant garden, is pure joy. Surrounded by pleasure-loving Paris, they have eyes and voice only for one another. *Bohème* is not far away.

Roberto Alagna shows at his best in the act's love duet. But this is the soprano's opera. She takes up the hit song, *Doretta's Dream*, after the poet Prunier (William Matteuzzi, graceful if thin voiced) has started it, and commands the bewitching Act II waltz. And to Magda go the reflective moments at the close of each act. Gheorghiu is note-perfect in all of them.

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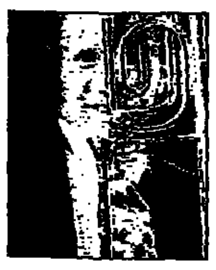

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# Siân brighter than the star

Siân Phillips, "her tall, tapering figure encased in that glittering sheath" gives her considerable all as Marlene Dietrich. The legend herself is not nearly as forthcoming, and the likes of Lou Gish (right) are mere ciphers in Pam Gems's play

When I saw Pam Gems's *Marlene* in Oldham last October, I found myself less keen on the play than on the actress at its core. Despite the tinkering and tampering that has occurred since then, this remains the case. From the moment she swans up the aisle at the Lyric, Shaftesbury Avenue, magnificently trumpeting "Did I have a good trip? Is Bismarck a herring?", Siân Phillips is in effortless command of the faces blinking up at her. But is *Marlene* itself much more distinguished than those compendium shows that have recently been cramming the West End with tuneful tootles and potted bios? Not really.

Gems has always been fascinated by women who struggle to succeed in a male world. Hence her portraits of Queen Christina, Camille and, above all, the Piaf whom Dietrich regarded as "the empress" to her own "slave with the jar on the head". Whether or not that's a fair assessment, the French chanteuse emerges from the dramatic fray more interestingly and impressively than the German one. Piaf is the embattled survivor, feistily warring with her own self-destructive instincts. Dietrich is the glamorous granny who cannot resist the roar of the greasepaint, the smell of the crowd. For all Phillips's excellence, the emotional stakes are not nearly as high.

It is the 1960s, and Dietrich is making a comeback in Paris. She is tired, frightened, and alternately generous and bullying, self-deprecating and grandiose. One moment she is kneeling on her sable coat, mopping the floor like a hausfrau. The next she is spilling names like fairy dust: Coward, Hemingway, Eisenhower, Picasso, Pompidou et al.

I enjoyed hearing that de Gaulle was "a friskier man than you think", and being told that Garbo's acting left Dietrich wondering if she "was suffering from some female problem down below", but couldn't help feeling that somewhere inside Gems is a *Hello!* reader, embarrassingly in awe of celebrity. Lou Gish appears as a lesbian aide and confidante and Billy Mathews as a mute drudge called Mutti; but so slight is their impact that *Marlene* is best seen as a one-person show with three actresses.

Phillips gives us some of the great songs, from *Lili Marlene* to *Falling in Love Again*, and, especially when her tall, tapering figure is encased in that famously glittering sheath, sounds pretty good. In between she tells us just a little about 1930s Hollywood ("a sleepy village on the edge of nowhere") and her variegated love-life, but virtually nothing about her Junkers upbringing or life with her pet Svengali, the director Josef von Sternberg.

Even so, Phillips does not falter and, when she comes to the Holocaust and her subsequent return to an accusing, rejecting Germany, considerably raises the temperature of Sean Mathias's production. Her people, her flesh, were complicit in the crimes of the century, and then they spat at her as a traitor! Phillips has only to whisper to make us share the pain and moral bewilderment. If only the rest of the evening demanded comparable depth of her.

# Sixties old, new and borrowed

Cast belong to that breed of traditional English rock bands who feel duty bound not only to pay their respects to their 1960s musical heritage but to exhume its well-preserved corpse as well, *writes Nick Kelly*. The trick is to go that step further and boldly reanimate the cadaver — the most spectacular practitioners being Oasis, who helped to make the charts safe for a trilogy of Beatles anthologies.

Regrettably, at the Red Box, Dublin, the finely balanced set of new and familiar material from John Power and chums felt more like a peck on the cheek than the kiss of life. Perhaps the best way to go about it, as avant-garde tearaways Tricky, the Chemical Brothers and, in America, Beck have shown, is to drag half the graveyard back to the laboratory and conduct the most outlandish experiments that one's imagination will allow.

Alas, the Liverpudlian three-chord classicists, instead of transcending their limitations, revel in them. So many of their songs seem made to order: a brief guitar intro that shows which particular three-chord sequence is on duty, followed by the cavalry charge of the rhythm section, and then it's every verse/chorus/verse for himself.

There's nothing intrinsically wrong with this tried and tested approach. Indeed, *Alright*, *Finetime* and *Sandstorm* — all Top Ten singles from their mega-selling debut album *All Change* — have a spring in their step that ups the pace considerably, but many of the songs, most notably *On The Run* and the current single *Free Me* from the new album *Mother Nature Calls*, can't keep up.

The show eventually burnt itself out with the shrieking guitar indulgence of *Two of a Kind* and, although it is tempting to excuse the band's rather slovenly and workmanlike performance as a common opening night ailment, no such malady afflicted the Manic Street Preachers, who recently also began a lengthy tour in this city. Cast must dig deeper in future.

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Marianne Faithfull ended her UEA show in Norwich with a weatherbeaten version of *As Tears Go By*, her first hit from 30 years ago, *John Sreet writes*. Then she was a pale, vulnerable convent girl; now she is a grandmother who has kicked a drug habit and made some fine rock albums. And when she sashays on stage, fixing her audience with a steady stare and a broad smile, she manages to summon up an entire era — from wide-eyed innocence to world-weary determination.

Although ostensibly an evocation of Weimar Germany, this 90-minute set is more autobiography than social history. It may be loosely pegged to the career of Kurt Weill, but it is more securely anchored to her own story.

Weill's collaborations with Bertolt Brecht provide her with the opportunity to act out tiny musical dramas. With *Alabama Song*, *Pirate Jenny* and *Surabaya Johnny*, she is the angry victim. With *Mack the Knife* and *The Ballad of Sexual Dependency*, she is the cynical observer musing on the world's harsh ways.

She may not always hit the note, and her accent may slip erratically, from Cockney to Home Counties, but her husky voice is a perfect medium for Weill's melodies. Only when she borrows from Noël Coward does she fail.

A table, chair and stool are her only props, and pianist Paul Trueblood her only companion. But with these and some nicely told stories Faithfull provides an evening in which the attractions divide equally between the songs, the singing and the singer.

# Blowing his own patent

MUSIC: **Hilary Finch** meets the trombonist who has invented an instrument to meet his needs

The fax machine was the only part of the rambling apartment high on Stockholm's Valhallavägen over which my prying eyes were forbidden to wander. I could pan over the piles of laundry for four children, the wallpaper-jigsaw of their paintings, the old Swedish tiled stove. But this machine was out of bounds. It had just yielded the formula for a revolutionary type of trombone valve: the definitive Christian Lindberg model is about to be patented.

The instrument itself has never quite recovered from Lindberg's assault on it when he was 17. From a school Dixieland band, Lindberg descended into the Stockholm Opera pit — orchestras were where trombones lived in those days. After a year he climbed out and decided he would either have to quit music altogether, or go his own way. He packed his trombone, studied in London and Los Angeles, then came home and won the Nordic Soloists' Biennale.

Lindberg was snapped up by the BIS record company, and a worldwide search for repertoire for the trombone began. He found and published lost concertos by Mozart's father and by Michael Haydn. Within 15 years, too, more than 50 new works had been composed specially for Lindberg.

Christian Lindberg: have trombone, will experiment

Of course, a brave and ever-expanding new world of brass virtuosos needed not only new composers but new, more flexible instruments too — which is where the secret-formula valve comes in. Lindberg has already experimented with different metals and a new mouthpiece: now the complicated maze of plumbing, invented in the 1830s to help with low notes, is being replaced by a single, curving valve, manipulated into gear-change by one speedy thumb-click.

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The new Christian Lindberg trombone, set to be the Rolls-Royce of the instrument, will be tried out at the weekend in Birmingham's two-week Sounds of Sweden festival. Tomorrow's world premiere of a piece commissioned by Iannis Xenakis in his 75th birthday year, for Lindberg and the eight marimbas of the Swedish percussion ensemble Kroumata, will be followed on Sunday by another festival premiere, Jan Sandström's *Cantos de la Mancha*.

Sandström, Lindberg's closest collaborator, is the man who changed the trombone into a Harley-Davidson in the *Motorbike Concerto* of 1989, a musical experience once heard — and seen — never forgotten. *Cantos* is a new 15-minute concerto which is a pocket version of the 35-minute *Don Quixote de la Mancha* to be premiered by the BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra next month.

*In Cantos de la Mancha* Lindberg frequently has to sing and play at the same time, and does one or two other things besides. "By the end, I really feel that I have been a human being," he says. "I have made all the mistakes that are not allowed for a soloist. I have thrown everything off, done it all, revealed everything." Birmingham may never be the same again.

● *Xenakis's* Xythos, *tomorrow; Sandström's* Cantos de la Mancha. *Sunday; both at 7.30pm. Adrian Boult Hall, Birmingham (0121-212 3333)*

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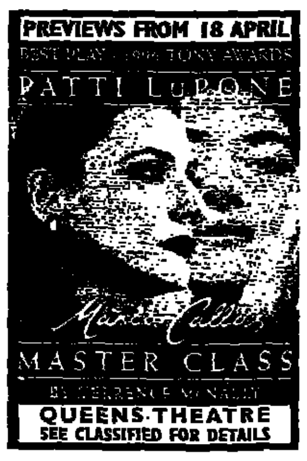
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# When the sun finally set in the East

**Lawrence Norfolk** learns why the wheels had to fall off the European powers' imperial rickshaws

A glance at the map which prefaces John Keay's latest book adumbrates the problem which faces any historian of the Far East: it looks like the aftermath of an explosion. Peninsulas dangle off filigreed coastlines and islands pit the sea like grapeshot. There are, literally, thousands of them, including three of the world's *four largest and a majority* of the smallest. Historians have been known to wander for years in this tangle of detail. Some never come out.

Students of Britain's history in the East know John Keay for a masterly (and, more rare yet, readable) history of the East India Company which avoided the trap of trying to work out what exactly "The Company" was by concentrating instead on what it did. A similarly inspired slicing of the Gordian knot is apparent in *Last Post*.

Keay begins with an overview of the situation to 1930. The Dutch held what is *now Indonesia* while, across the Malacca Strait, the British held present-day Malaysia along with Singapore, Shanghai, Sarawak, Hong Kong, Weihaiwei, Johore, Labuan, and the Dindings. Many of these names were even less familiar in 1930 than they are now. Some were not actually colonies at all but protectorates, and others were leased. The French claimed present-day Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia, together with some tenuous footholds in China, while America had ejected and supplanted the Spanish in the Philippines only 30 years before. There was no "Empire" as such, but rather "empires", all differently acquired, maintained, and regarded by the different colonial powers.

LAST POST
The End of Empire in the East
**By John Keay**
*John Murray, £22*
*ISBN 0 7195 5346 6*

Faced with this material, Keay's method is to set seemingly isolated incidents within the much wider context that produced them. Thus the development of Bali's tourist industry is sourced in a book of 1930 called *The Last Paradise* (typical sentence: "The bronze bowls of her maiden breasts projected angular, living shadows"). But it is also traced back to the *massacres by which the Dutch* first pacified then colonised the island in 1906-08.

Some "incidents" remain so singular that even Keay cannot incorporate them into his narrative. The acquisition of Sarawak by the "White Raj" of the Brooke family is one such. Captain James Brooke was accorded the sovereignty of Sarawak by the Sultan of Brunei in the 1840s in return for his actions against the pirates of the South China Sea. Finding themselves acclaimed as popular rulers by their subjects, the Brooke dynasty then spent the next hundred years trying to extricate themselves from their kingdom, only truly succeeding in 1941 when Sarawak was invaded by the Japanese. Keay comments: "An anachronism as well as an anomaly, Sarawak nicely encapsulated the contradictions of British empire in the East."

That sentence is the sound that one hand makes when thrown up in bewilderment. It is a sound rarely heard in *Last Post* because Keay has not only mastered his vast mass of material but also resolved to stick to it. This can result in some magnificently insouciant compressions: "As the Chinese empire became a stuttering republic and then an erratic experiment in Marxist-Leninist socialism ... " or, even better, "Like one stricken with senile impotence, the British found that losing the means to perform coincided with losing the inclination."

Bowing out of empire: a poster depicting the 1963 union of Singpore, Sabah, Sarawak and Malaya into the new Malaysia; but by 1965 Singapore — the young man in shirt and trousers — had left to go it alone

Cleaving to the faultlines whose gradual widening he charts, hopping between flashpoints and bridgeheads, Keay still manages to evoke the slow and near-invisible movement which brought the European empires to their various ends. Its causes, by Keay's reckoning, were: rice, nationalism, stupidity, muddle, the Second World War, and the Dakota transport plane. Add British absentmindedness, Dutch intransigence, French arrogance, and American naivety, and it is a wonder, or a horror, that the Empire existed at all.

Keay himself succumbs to neither reaction. *Last Post* is a model of narrative history, coolly presented and perfectly paced. It espouses no Grand Theory, preferring instead the far more difficult task of telling a vast, complicated, and still-controversial story with both passion and insight. Keay's triumph is to render this story intelligible without being forced to sacrifice the details, for the details are the point. If there was a single factor which would render the Empires of the Far East ultimately ungovernable from without, it was their delirious heterogeneity.

To end by way of an illustration, here is Josef von Sternberg, as quoted by Keay, confronting a multi-storey pleasure palace in 1930s Shanghai: "When I had entered the hot stream of humanity there was no turning back even had I wanted to ... The fifth floor featured girls whose dresses were slit to the armpits, a stuffed whale, story-tellers, balloons, peep-shows, masks, a mirror-maze, two love-letter booths whose scribes guaranteed results, rubber goods, and a temple filled with ferocious gods and joss sticks."

Keay navigates this world of smoke and mirrors with the confidence of his considerable learning and the result is a stylish book of clarity and argumentative vigour.

*Lawrence Norfolk's latest novel,* The Pope's Rhinoceros, *is published by Minerva, priced £6.99.*

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**Roger Scruton** embarks for the outer limits

# In theory, the answer to everything

THE FABRIC OF REALITY
**By David Deutsch**
*Allen Lane, £25*
*ISBN 0 713 99061 9*

Few scientists would attempt what Deutsch has attempted, which is to summarise the entire scientific enterprise and give a theory of everything — or rather, a theory of the theory of everything, a kind of scientific prediction of what the final theory will be. It is regarded as a defect in an ordinary mortal, that he should be "dazzled by science". But Deutsch is a dazzled scientist who also sets out to dazzle, rejoicing like a child in his aerobatics as he vaults through the intellectual stratosphere, throwing paradox upon paradox to the mortals below.

Deutsch recognises that we cannot know everything. But we could have a *theory* of everything. Such a theory would give the "laws of motion" of the universe — the laws which explain how one state arises from another. Of course, laws of motion are not enough. We must also state the initial conditions. But we could, Deutsch believes, extrapolate to the beginning of time from our present data, and so provide an explanation of the world. There are "four strands" in this explanation: quantum physics, epistemology (the theory of knowledge), computer science, and evolutionary biology. Add these together and the mystery of the universe dissolves — though into a far greater mystery. The world turns out not to be a universe at all, but a "multiverse", in which a continuum of universes jostle side by side in suffocating abundance.

Time stands still in this multiverse, and you can voyage through it in any direction, provided you don't mind ending up *in another universe.* (Actually, it is not *you* who will end up there, but your "counterpart".) The distinction between reality and virtual reality disappears, and nothing important distinguishes us from the rest of nature apart from the capacity to represent it — a capacity that we share with computers, of which we are in any case composed. But although time does not flow, the world advances towards its "omega point", when a society of computational beings will emerge, each part of a universal computer in which all information is stored. This computer, being omniscient, omnipresent and omnipotent, is the God of Spinoza: one who might hear our prayers, while barred by logic from responding.

*These gleeful paradoxes are* arrived at in a manner familiar from Sir James Jeans's *Mysterious Universe*. The author presents the bare bones of a scientific theory, the essence of which is mathematical, and then provides a homely model in terms that are not mathematical at all, and which, if taken literally, lead instantly to paradox. Seizing on the paradox, the author then deletes the theory. The "multiverse" interpretation of quantum physics (due to Hugh Everett) is "*proved*" by showing that light is composed of particles, which behave like waves. This is observable (and Deutsch provides an exciting summary of the experiment). It is also what quantum mechanics predicts. A single photon filtered through a slit will therefore generate interference patterns. How is this possible?

Deutsch: rather too optimistic

The correct response to that question is: where's the contradiction? But it is here that the model takes over. We imagine that the photon is being *interfered with* by another particle, though one that we are forbidden to observe, since it is not part of our universe. Ergo, there is not one universe but two. Hang on, though. That other universe will also obey the laws of quantum mechanics, and particles there will be shadowed by their counterparts. *Hence a third universe;* and a fourth. Go down this line and the result is not "trillions" of universes, as Deutsch says, but infinitely many. They will have the character of "possible worlds", *those* devices familiar from modal logic, which seem to solve problems only by creating insoluble problems of their own. To imagine that the "multiverse" is a theory of *anything*, let alone of everything, is to beg every philosophical question about the nature of theories.

Deutsch does not mind doing this. In his chapter on epistemology he leans as uncritically on Popper as he leans on Everett. He rightly points out that scientific theories are proposed in response to problems. But since he says nothing about the nature of a scientific problem this leaves everything exactly as it was. Suppose you asked why the first chord of *Tristan* is resolved onto the dominant seventh of A minor. That is a real question — one of the most important questions there is. But it is not a scientific question.

And that, in the end, is what is so dispiriting about this book — that it shows no awareness of the limits of science. It is easy to be brilliant when expounding the Darwinian theory of human nature, or the implications of Turing's Principle. But the glare of this instant science causes us to avert our eyes. We lose sight of the real universe, and confront a multiverse of shadows, in which there are no human beings, but only their intergalactic counterparts, looking as Deutsch looks on the inside cover of this book — glowing with an "unscrupulous optimism".

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# Talking through his Euterpean hat

**William Fiennes**

A WAY OF BEING FREE
**By Ben Okri**
*Phoenix House, £12.99*
*ISBN 1 897580 14 2*

IN THE first essay of this new collection, Ben Okri writes *that poets "need to be multiple* witnesses around the central masquerades of reality in order to convey fully the unimaginable dimensions of the deity's terrible and enchanting dance." You could meditate upon that sentence as if it were a Buddhist koan, and still it would not yield up a mote of interest or revelation. What are those central masquerades? And how can those dimensions ever be "fully" conveyed if they are indeed "unimaginable"?

This clumsiness is in no way redeemed by passing glances to Rilke, Dante and Nietzsche. When he quotes Elias Canetti ("The inklings of poets are the forgotten adventures of God") that glimpse of nimble wisdom comes like a flash of light in the midst of Okri's cumbersome abstractions.

The book gets no better. *Creativity and the Minotaur* is a short monograph on Picasso's *Minotauromachy*. "The Minotaur," Okri writes, "is the enigma at the heart of *the modern age.*" "*Is it?*" you *want* to ask. "In a sense," Okri continues, "the Minotaur cannot be conquered." Again you want to press him: "which sense *is* that, exactly?" There is *more* revelation in the art criticism of Sister Wendy. His meditations on *Othello* are similarly quotidian. Mostly these "essays" consist of strings of vatic pronounce*ments*: "These are *strange* times. Many things stifle our dreams. We may be getting smaller. We should beware of turning into rhinoceri." We sure should.

But like the oracle at Delphi, to whom Okri's voice bears some resemblance, and I don't mean that in a good way, these assertions allow no opportunity for redress. They are delivered into the vacuum of their own assumed value. Okri scorns the "antogonists" and "enemies" of poets; the politicians, heads of state, kings, and soldiers who "curb the poet's vision of reality". The existence of John Donne (soldier and religious leader) or Vaclav Havel (head of state) shows up the idiocy of *Okri's* scheme. A poet sings not songs but "dithyrambs" — for no reason other than that Okri likes the word's spurious Clas*sical blessing*.

Grandiloquence is not the same thing as intelligence, nor can portentousness do duty for wisdom. Seamus Heaney's essays are a cogent and moving defence of poetry, next to which Okri's seems a hollow sort of self-congratulation. George Steiner's *Real Presences* is a real, inspiring argument for the religious dimension of art. Okri makes much of the image of a dancer who represents "the courage to go beyond ourselves", though set this beside any of Yeats's poems on the same subject — *Sweet Dancer* or *To a Child Dancing in the Wind* or *A Crazed Girl* and you will see how this book that makes *such a clamour about poetry* and wonder is itself so bereft of those qualities.

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# A political hunger sated

**Jonathan Mirsky**

THE SCARLET MEMORIAL
Tales of Cannibalism in Modern China
**By Zheng Yi,**
**Edited and translated by T. P. Sym**
*Westview Press, £23.95*
*ISBN 0 8133 2615 X*

At least 100,000 people were murdered in Guangxi province in *south western China during* the first years of the Cultural Revolution. Some hundreds were eaten. Many thousands participated in the cannibalism. Liu Binyan, China's best known investigative journalist told me: "Of course in Guangxi itself the cannibalism was known about from top to bottom. But we didn't dare publish the story. It was too cruel and too dirty."

The horror was investigated by the Party in the early *Eighties, internal documents* were prepared, and punishments were administered, although the authorities had ordered, supervised, and joined in the killing and eating. A few were expelled. But *most of the documents were* concealed "out of fear that such evidence, if leaked to Hong Kong journalists, would reveal just how widespread cannibalism had been in Guangxi."

Bucolic vision? On this apparently peaceful site in Sishao village Deng Jifang, son of a local landlord, was eaten

We now have, in *Scarlet Memorial, a full study of this* matter. The author, Zheng Yi, a well-known Chinese novelist and journalist, once an enthusiastic Red Guard who visited Guangxi briefly in 1968, recalls the poster in Tiananmen referring to "The slaughter of 100,000 people in Guangxi", and soon "the more astonishing and incredible news [which] swept Beijing: cannibalism in Guangxi." In 1986, he returned to Guangxi, obtained the records, interviewed officials and survivors *— and several cannibals who* felt no shame. We did it for Mao, they said.

After Tiananmen, Mr Zheng, now on Beijing's Most Wanted list for his participation in the Tiananmen demonstrations, fled from China, bearing the documents. I interviewed him in 1993, when he said, "For the first time in our long history, Chinese ate people, not because there was a famine and they were starving to death, but for political *reasons*." According to his book there were other periods during the Communist revolution when "enemies" were eaten, but Guangxi is the great case.

I cannot recommend that you read this book. It is plainly written, utterly convincing, meticulously documented and terrible to read. Mr Zheng's *quotations* are vivid, lurid ... Here is Yi Wansheng, killer and cannibal: "To engage in revolution, my heart is red! Didn't Chairman Mao say 'Kill or be killed.' If I live, you must die. Class struggle."

Mr Zheng told me: "I spoke to some of the people who ate political victims. They didn't feel guilty at all. Most of them just said: 'That's what it was like in Guangxi — then. We all did bad things. I wouldn't eat anyone now.'"

*Mr Zheng, ex-Red Guard,* has thought about why. "We attempted to bring about a beautiful society," he writes. "We thought that after treading through the quagmire of blood ... we would be able to face *the most magnificent* dawn in the history of mankind. Instead we consorted with the beasts."

No cannibal in Guangxi was punished. Wei Guoqing, a comrade in arms of Deng Xiaoping, *who had been* Guangxi Party Secretary during the cannibalism, was elevated to Head of the Chinese Army's Political Department. Mr Zheng reports him as saying "Why shouldn't those who committed cannibalism be promoted as cadres?"

# Shriven on the holy isles

## **Jan Morris** on the harsh lives of the ancient monks of Skellig

SUN DANCING
**By Geoffrey Moorhouse**
*Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £18.99*
*ISBN 0 297 81595 4*

Nobody but Geoffrey Moorhouse, I think, could have written this wonderfully imaginative book about one of the most remarkable religious settlements of western Christianity, the medieval Celtic monastery on the Irish islands of Skellig. It is a subject precisely suited to his particular gifts — a feel for things spiritual, a tough taste for the ascetic, a grave and disciplined descriptive prose, human sympathy and absolute honesty. Others might taint the subject with the lurid or the sensational, or alternatively deaden it with book-learning: Moorhouse, to my mind, gets the mixture just right, and gives us an almost hallucinatorily vivid re-enactment of a very peculiar human experience.

It was in the 6th century that monks of the Celtic Church first settled on the precipitous, uninhabited and storm-swept Skelligs, which lie eight miles in the Atlantic off the coast of Co Kerry. They remained there, in conditions of appalling voluntary hardship, until the 13th century. Since then the islands have been uninhabited again, except for transient hermits, pilgrims, lighthouse keepers and tourists, but there remain the stone walls and ruined oratories of the monastery: from these relics, high on the inaccessible flanks of the main island, and from sketchy historical records, Moorhouse has reconstructed the story of the Skellig monastery, start to finish.

It is a weird tale of holy self-denial — pointless to unbelievers, inspiring, I suppose, to those who can accept that an entirely introspective and unproductive way of life, centred around constant prayer and masochistic discomfort, in some way brings the soul closer to God. Devised in the first place by the holy men of Middle Eastern deserts, living on the tops of pillars or immured in caves for years at a time, this mode of dedication seems even more grotesque when it is translated to the fierce seas of the Atlantic, and to add to the terrible nature of the islands, time and again the monks were raided by Vikings — just as awful as the fabulous beasts and forked devils who plagued the Desert Fathers.

The first part of the book, "The Tradition", consists entirely of Moorhouse's reconstruction of life on the Skelligs during their monastic centuries. This is masterly, written with great restraint and scholarly care, and utterly convincing in its evocation of mortifications, mind-sets and charged emotions on those inhospitable slabs. The second part, entitled "The Evidence", is really a collection of long footnotes, disguised as proper chapters and detailing the reasons behind the book's imaginative conjectures. I thought this less satisfactory. I was perfectly happy not to know the reasons, having complete trust in Moorhouse's integrity, and I thought they made anti-climactic reading after the sombre work of art that came before.

So I sometimes found myself skimming through explanatory passages about the Synod of Whitby and the Monastic Horarium, and have already forgotten most of their learned allusions. I shall always remember, though, my nights and days on the Skelligs themselves, in the company of Moorhouse and those long-dead monks: hoeing the sparse gardens in the teeth of the wind, gathering the fish from the pool nets among the rocks, chanting in the cold as the dawn broke, fighting the demons of self-esteem, performing harsh penances at the abbot's command, watching the sun dance in ecstatic vision, assembling terrified up the scree when the lion-prow of a Viking longship slides into view among the rocks below.

It is as though I were really there, just as, if I believed in such things, I could almost suppose that in some previous incarnation Geoffrey Moorhouse was a monk on the Skelligs himself.

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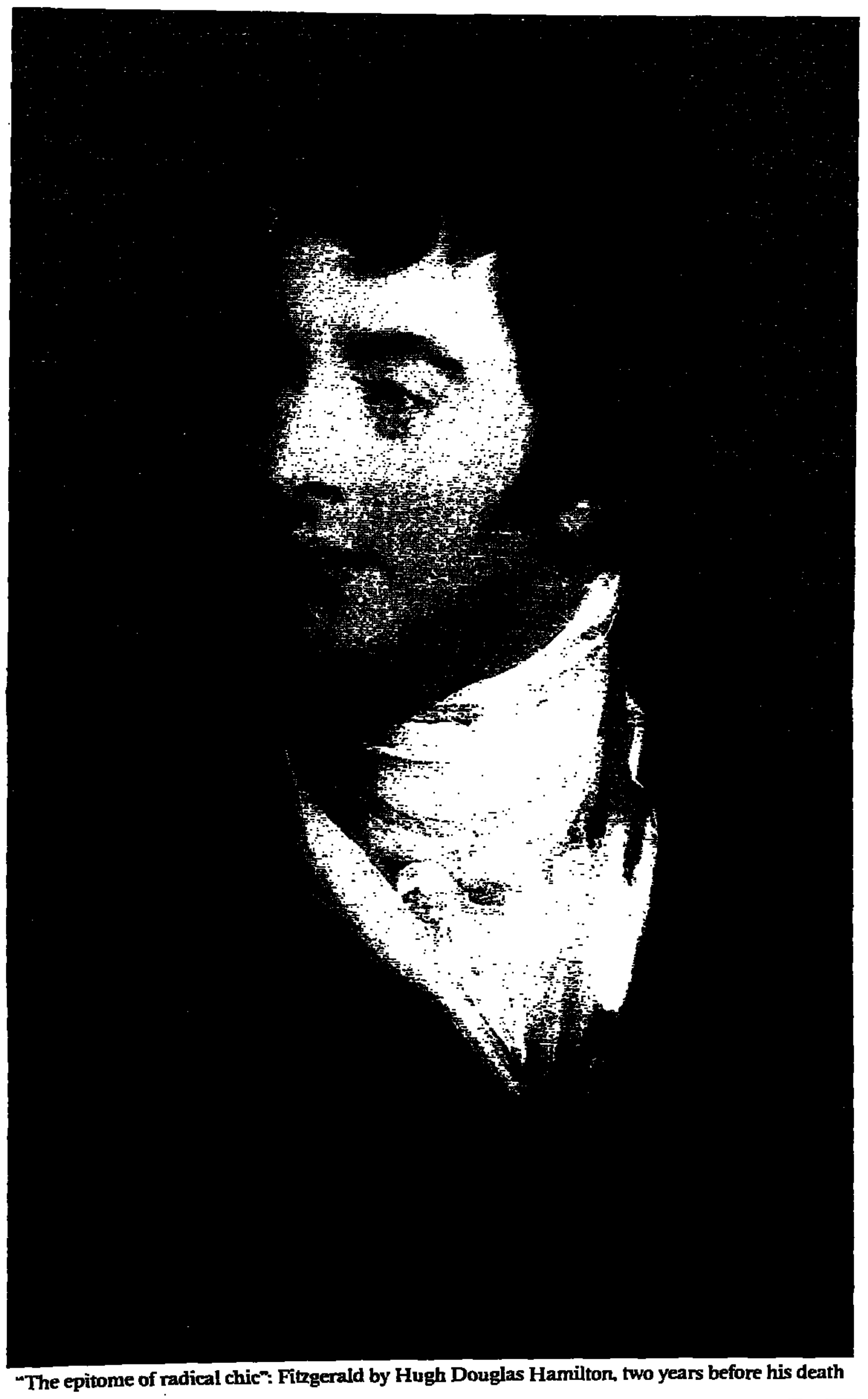
God's little acres: the islands of Skellig were home to a monastic order for 700 years

# A rebel to the manor born

## **Peter Ackroyd** on the extraordinary life of an 18th-century aristocratic Irish revolutionary



"The epitome of radical chic": Fitzgerald by Hugh Douglas Hamilton, two years before his death

In the infinitely complicated and ambiguous history of Ireland, Lord Edward Fitzgerald emerges as one of its most ambivalent figures. He was a brother of the premier peer of that country, but he attempted to mount a revolution. He adored his family, and spent half his life gardening, but he advocated violence as the surest means of subverting the established authorities.

It had all begun so differently. He was born, in 1763, a Kildare, the great Irish family which alternately confused and bedevilled English monarchs by claiming local sovereignty without demanding complete independence. By the middle of the 18th century, when "Pretty Eddy" was first presented to an adoring world, it was still the most powerful force in the country. "Eddy", pretty or not, could only add lustre to the name. "'Tis an almost perfect little Being," his mother wrote, "literally having no fault, but too much warmth of temper." It might almost be his epitaph.

He was protected, and cosseted, with entirely predictable results. All his life he remained amiable and confiding, but obstinate; he was energetic and optimistic, but unpredictable. He was educated by his doting mother on Rousseauist principles and, in the notorious phrase of the 1770s, developed into "a man of feeling" susceptible and refined in equal measure. He would have led an agreeable life if he had remained at home and devoted that sensibility to private pursuits; but, instead, he roamed abroad and took a larger view.

He joined the Army, of course as an officer, and first saw battle at Charleston during the American War of Independence. Here a liberated African slave, Tony Small, saved his life, the saviour became his servant, and soon the two men were inseparable. It was the first occasion when Edward Fitzgerald's belief in the "equality of man" was put into practice. It was also to become the principal, if fatal, thread of his life. A subsequent visit to Nova Scotia, where he was made a chief of the Iroquois, only confirmed his egalitarianism. So, on his return to London, he became an enthusiastic supporer of the French Revolution and of Tom Paine's *Rights of Man*.

He has not been treated with entire seriousness by contemporary historians. Roy Foster in his *Modern Ireland*, describes him as "the epitome of radical chic". He was, indeed, a radical of a philosophical rather than a native kind. Stella Tillyard justifiably depicts him as a product of the Enlightenment, who always remained "cosmopolitan" rather than "national". In that sense he was closer to Fox than to Blake but, in her very vivid depiction of late 18th-century London, Tillyard notes the ease with which he could travel from the Whig drawing rooms of Piccadilly to the dissenting bookshops of St Paul's Churchyard. For one moment, they were allied. But then the moment ended.

The twin forces of domestic oppression and French fanaticism led many erstwhile liberals to renounce their allegiance to the revolutionary cause. But Lord Edward Fitzgerald was different.

CITIZEN LORD
**By Stella Tillyard**
*Chatto & Windus, £16.99*
*ISBN 0 7011 6538 3*

He renounced only his title, and moved to Paris. He no longer powdered his hair. More significantly, perhaps, he planned an armed revolution in Dublin on the same pattern as that of his French comrades.

Tillyard offers a very convincing portrait of this colourful, if somewhat startling, figure. *Citizen Lord* is an example of history aspiring to the condition of a good novel; it is by no means an idiosyncratic effort on her part, since this has become an age when the traditional forms of fiction and history are breaking apart. That is why she is able to comprehend historical facts with the imagination of an artist rather than that of a simple chronicler. Her previous book was entitled *Aristocrats*, and in this new work she is particularly good at conveying the life of the late 18th-century Irish peerage, bibulous and spendthrift, louche when not entirely demented.

This was the world from which Fitzgerald came, and in part it explains the particular nature of his radicalism. As an impecunious younger son of a grand family, he was in turn patronised and rejected by his more wealthy or powerful relatives: he was a "man of feeling" who interpreted the world in terms of private sentiment and as a result came to believe that, in Tillyard's words, English society itself was both "divisive and heartless".

So he became a rebel. He travelled to Dublin, and was soon associated with the United Irish; he consorted with French agents, and urged the Directory to mount an armed invasion of Ireland. He wished to create a popular republic; he wore light green cravats and began to learn Gaelic. At first it was believed that he was only "playing revolution", in the phrase of his contemporaries, but he was very serious indeed.

He is now almost unknown to name and fame. He is one of those curious figures who somehow seem to slip out of history, although they were of vast significance in their own time. Thomas Moore, the balladeer, ran to look at him in the street because his "name had, from my school days, been associated with all that was noble, patriotic and chivalrous". So why has he been forgotten? He is an anomaly; he offends historical decorum by being both a revolutionary and an aristocrat, a lord and a democrat. He also failed, and historians of the old progressive school do not dwell upon failure.

That is why Tillyard's book is so welcome. It is also very timely in the sense that, in recording the fatal career of one extraordinary man, she is able to draw suggestive parallels with certain aspects of contemporary Irish life. She describes the policy of "terror and repression" by which late 18th-century government was conducted in that country; here are some of the earliest records of internments, punishment beatings, and caches of arms. The world of the United Irishman was one where "anyone might be an informer, anyone a spy".

It was in fact espionage which destroyed Fitzgerald's attempt at armed revolution. He travelled only at night. He wore a heavy disguise and was always surrounded by armed bodyguards. Yet an informer traced him; he was arrested and, after being shot, imprisoned in Dublin Castle. The rebellion of 1798 ended in defeat and disaster for the United Irishmen, while its leader lay dying in a prison cell. But Edward Fitzgerald is not to be admired, or even pitied. Tillyard herself has simply tried to understand him and, in that act of understanding, she is able to convey an essential truth about the man and his period.

# Suffer with success

## **Derwent May**

HOW PROUST CAN CHANGE YOUR LIFE
**By Alain de Botton**
*Picador, £12.99*
*ISBN 0 330 34762 4*

Alain de Botton has had a good idea. He has noted that Marcel Proust once said to his maid, "Ah, Céleste, if I could be sure of doing with my books as much as my father did for the sick." His father, Dr Adrien Proust, had not only been a professor of hygiene with an international reputation, he had also published numerous self-help books about physical fitness. De Botton reproduces some charming drawings from one of them, showing how young girls can get healthy exercise by jumping off walls or balancing on one foot.

So, asks de Botton, what similar help might we get from Proust's writings? Knowing his Proust very well, he then goes on to tease out from him a delightful course in how to improve ourselves.

To begin with, we can learn from Proust's long sentences how to take our time. The longest sentence in Proust, in standard-sized text, would be four metres long and would stretch round the base of a wine bottle 17 times. When his great novel was published, a young American woman in Rome wrote to him pleading: "Just tell me in two lines what you wanted to say." But de Botton suggests that Proust's sentences can teach us how to go slow, look properly at things, enlarge our sympathies, even find a tragic or comic novel in a short newspaper item. When Harold Nicolson met Proust in the Paris Ritz in 1919, and talked to him about the peace conference, the novelist cried: "*N'allez pas si vite*" — and personally showed Nicolson how to tell his story more vividly.

Again, in his chapter "How To Suffer Successfully", de Botton suggests that if Swann, Proust's man-about-town, had been able to listen to his creator when he was experiencing hideous pangs of jealousy over his mistress Odette, he would have learnt how to turn jealousy into understanding. We — declares de Botton — can learn from Swann's failure.

Of course, de Botton has an ulterior motive in presenting Proust in this lighthearted way as a sort of Agony Aunt. This is a cunning means of getting his readers to feel at ease with what so often seems a daunting novel. And by the end of the book many aspects of *In Search of Lost Time* have been finely illuminated.

If I have one reservation about his achievement, it is that he himself can be a little long-winded and sententious — especially in his offputting introductory chapter. As he is cheeky enough to say that his girlfriend Kate looks just like Marcel's girlfriend Albertine, and to include a photograph of her in the book, perhaps I can say that here and there he reminds me of Proust's didactic diplomat, M. de Norpois. There is an occasional 19th-century *bien pensant* flavour to his style of precisely the kind Proust satirised.

One other reservation strikes me. If we all learned from Proust how to avoid all the tragicomic errors his characters fall into, the next Proust would have nothing to write about at all.

Marcel (right) with brother Robert: an unlikely therapist

# The sea yields up its secrets

## **Michael Arditti**

THE RAVEN
**By Peter Landesman**
*Flamingo, £12.99*
*ISBN 0 00 225 551 0*

EVER since Melville's assault on the great white whale (and with it the great American novel), the sea off the New England coast has proved as fruitful to writers as to fishermen. The latest to launch into it is Peter Landesman, whose immensely accomplished first novel offers a fictional account of a real-life disaster, the sinking of the pleasure boat, *The Raven*, in 1941.

To muddy the waters still further, of the 36 people on board, only the bodies of the captain (naked and strapped to a keg) and the 14 women were discovered, leading to wild rumours that the men had been captured and enslaved by the Germans. Out of the bare bones — and disfigured corpses — of this story, Landesman has fashioned a fascinating fiction, which is part historical mystery, in which various figures, including a young fisherman and a sensation-seeking journalist, investigate the disaster, part a psychological study in survivor guilt, and part an exploration of disappearing values in a changing world.

Narrative is skilfully handled across four decades as the tragedy takes its long-term toll and the sea gradually yields its secrets. For all the brilliance of its individual characters, the novel is essentially a social portrait, concerned with the survival of a community under threat not only from nature (the sea and floods) but also from modern industrial methods (the takeover of the town's mill), commercial malpractice, and the ethos of the new "Theme Park" age.

This is a magnificent debut. Landesman is the equal of E. Annie Proulx in his handling of the fishermen's hard lives and tangy dialogue. The Raven displays the allegorical power of the best sea stories wedded to the thematic richness and psychological depth of the finest fiction.

# On the lookout from here

THE London Topographical Society has been publishing maps, views and plans of the capital since 1880. Although its publications include a colour satellite view of London (88 x 62 cm), most of them are historical. The society's very first book was a facsimile of Anthony Wyngaerde's panorama of 1544, and 115 years later a new facsimile has been produced with scholarly information about the artist and the identifiable buildings. The panorama is, in the words of Howard Colvin's introduction, "the first known attempt at a comprehensive topographical record", but also "the last glimpse of the medieval city as it stood before the Reformation which resulted in the disappearance of so many of its principal religious monuments".

Wyngaerde is presumed to have worked with Henry VIII's assent, and he loyally shows the heads of traitors on their poles on Old London Bridge. He is not always reliable — church towers are transposed and details are omitted — but it is remarkable to see a familiar street as it was 450 years ago, and especially so for me because Wyngaerde's supposed vantage point is virtually on the roof of my flat.

The panorama can be obtained for £35 (post free to *Times* readers) from LTS, c/o 230 Bishopgate Institute, EC2M 4QH.

ALSO for cartophiles is a seminar at the London Transport Museum on April 26, on the theme of the current exhibition, "The Joy of Maps" — Oh my America, my newfound-land. For information, call 0171 379 6344. Or you may like to splash out on Richard Horwood's *Plan of the Cities of London and Westminster, the Borough of Southwark and Parts Adjoining, showing every house* (1800), a 26in to the mile map of Georgian London, to be sold at Sotheby's on Friday (est. £3,000-4,000).

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THE dormant historical research collection of the old Ministry of Works, strong in the fields of architecture and archaeology, has been transferred to English Heritage in Savile Row, where it is being recatalogued. It joins Sir Mayson Beeton's reference collection of books and his three to four thousand prints of the architecture and social life of London.

THE history of the book has been intensely studied and documented. Yet new areas of research continue to emerge. *Bookcloth 1823-1980* by William Tomlinson and Richard Masters is virtually the first word on the binding material that superseded leather and was itself superseded by toughened papers. Clearly written and with 36 "feeler" samples, it is largely a company history of Winterbottom's, which established something like a world monopoly, supplying 50 countries from Salford.

The story parallels the rise and fall of the Monotype Corporation, which supplied the world with hot-metal typesetting machinery. But the earliest history of binding in cloth is still unclear. Can the maroon-and-black horizontally striped cloth on my copy of Coleridge's *Table Talk* (1835) really be the publisher's original binding? Did Murray's want it to look like a Liquorice Allsort?

*Bookcloth* is available from PO Box 17, Maple, Stockport, SK6 5FD. Informative though it is, an edition of 1,500 copies at £325 looks optimistic to me. The Incline Press's volume of essays *In Praise of Patterned Papers* is perhaps more realistic, with 360 copies, beginning at £98 (11a Printer Street, Oldham, OL1 1PN).

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■ AIR Tickets Direct has a £221 fare during April with Continental between Gatwick, Manchester and New York. Details: 0990 320321.

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# Rhyl is given a rough ride

By Harvey Elliott

THE Welsh seaside town of Rhyl is still smarting from the savaging it received from a respected tourist guide book.

"Anything you can do in Rhyl you can do better elsewhere," says the *Rough Guide to Wales*, which was published last week. There is, writes the guide book popular with younger tourists, "almost no reason to stay in this decaying Edwardian resort completely disfigured by amusement arcades". Despite European Union funding, the town "fails on the most basic of requirements".

But 1.5 million holidaymakers still chose to spend their main holidays in the North Wales town last summer and there were twice as many day trippers. Jill Mariner, secretary of the Rhyl Hotels and Guest Houses Association, is scathing about the book's comments: "People have been coming here generation after generation so we must be doing something right," she says.

**Rhyl's 240ft-high Skytower**

And the town's mayor, Ann Jones, has offered to show Paul Whitfield, the writer of the *Rough Guide* report, around the resort. "I'm confident he would change his mind once he saw all the attractions," she says. "Over the Easter weekend it was packed out here. It's a children's paradise."

The big wheel and the rollercoaster ride of the funfair dominate Foryd harbour while rising above everything is the 240ft-high Skytower, bought second-hand from Glasgow, with its revolving observation platform. Bed and breakfast in a guest-house costs an average of £15.

Millions of pounds, including European cash, have been spent redeveloping the resort's seafront. The Sun Centre with Europe's first indoor surfing pool, is one of Wales's top visitor attractions.

It may not be enough to satisfy the *Rough Guide*, but for millions Rhyl is the perfect holiday resort.

DANILO KRSTANOVIC

**Even during a pause in hostilities, Sarajevo basked in the sun. However, a huge number of buildings were destroyed or damaged**

# Fresh start for Sarajevo

## The Pope is visiting Bosnia-Herzegovina's capital. **Chris Lockwood** reports on the war-torn city's rapid improvement

BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA this weekend will take its most positive and public step yet to emerge from years of war and destruction when the Pope pays his first official visit to the battered capital, Sarajevo.

His visit, together with the reopening of vital air services, is a significant move in the country's attempt to resume its place as the Balkans' natural centre for tourism and business.

On Monday Austrian Airlines became the first West European carrier since the end of the conflict to serve the city with the first of its thrice-weekly services from Vienna. The airline has optimistic plans to increase the number of flights to four and eventually six a week by the end of the year.

Before the war, Sarajevo's population was about 500,000. But during the fighting, thousands fled and many were killed. A huge number of buildings were destroyed or severely damaged and there was, subsequently, an enormous loss in industrial production. Energy-supply companies were smashed and health facilities, schools, bridges and railway lines were also wrecked.

The total financial damage throughout Bosnia runs into is estimated at about $80 billion. In certain areas, people went without heat, water or outside food sources for two years. But despite the horror, the city is returning to normal, more rapidly than expected.

Four months ago, there were no glass windows in the city. But today the glass is back. The restaurants are full. Benetton has opened an outlet — and so has the Islamic Republic of Iran, with a gleaming information centre. On the same city centre street there is also the new office for Austrian Airlines, transformed from burnt-out store front to shiny ticket centre in weeks.

Turkish Airlines is due to launch flights twice a week from Istanbul from April 18, and Crossair plans to start its services three times a week from Zurich on June 9. British Airways, which recently resumed regular scheduled services to Zagreb, says that it is monitoring the growth of travel to the whole area before deciding whether to fly direct to Sarajevo from London.

"It is certainly a long road back for Sarajevo," says Herbert Felber, area manager of Central Europe for Austrian Airlines. "But out of chaos must come opportunity, and although today there are hardly any international companies represented here, at least 500 are interested and want to help in the recovery of the region."

There is no civilian control tower or radar at the airport, which is controlled by French soldiers of the United Nations Stablisation Force (SFOR) with air space controlled by the American military.

The only radar is military, and that only monitors flights, rather than controlling them. It is, the authorities say, safe as long as the frequently changing weather does not present a cloud base of less than 4,000ft.

Tourists, desperately needed by the city and the country, are trickling back. And business travellers are flying in to take advantage of a range of opportunities for, quite simply, the country still needs everything. But only two hotels up to Western standards — the 382-room Holiday Inn and the 85-room Bosnia Hotel — are currently available in the city.

German marks, Bosnian dinars and Croatian kuna are accepted currency, but credit cards are not. As the recovery gathers pace, the writing of the past remains on the walls of Sarajevo. On the main street, Marshal Tito Boulevard, someone has written in English: "Paradise Lost."

# Private jets take on the airlines

You have to admire the way that professional business travellers, and the companies who employ them, are able to overcome the seemingly insurmountable difficulties can appear suddenly in their path.

Take, for example, the problems of travelling in the former Soviet Union. The unreliability and hazards of local scheduled airlines are enough to put anybody off.

Yet many businessmen have found a way of bypassing the obstacles to trading and have also produced a bonanza for Western planemakers by using private aircraft, either owned or hired.

The opportunities for Western businesses in rapidly developing countries such as Ukraine, Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan are growing daily, with joint ventures in oil, gas, minerals and even retailing waiting to be snapped up.

But for a senior executive to meet a potential partner or client in these countries can involve at least a week to fly to Moscow on a scheduled airline and then wait for a domestic flight. And even a new £140 million IBM computer reservations system, installed to handle the 50 million passengers who will this year fly within the Confederation of Independent States, may not be able to solve all the problems.

According to Hunt and Palmer, Europe's second biggest business aircraft charter broker, not only is chartering an aircraft quicker and more efficient, but the savings can be enormous. A trip from London via several destinations in Russia and back, for example, could take at least six days if normal scheduled services were used, compared with only four days using a corporate jet. And with contracts often worth tens of millions of pounds at stake, the £35,000 it would cost to hire a private aircraft can prove comparatively little.

Scheduled carriers are watching the development anxiously. They cannot, for example, schedule flights to Baku or Tashkent from London for only half a dozen business travellers, each of whom may want to use it no more than once or twice a year. But the small corporate broker, able to supply an aircraft at short notice, has no such problem. And that is why the corporate charter market around London alone is now worth about £100 million a year and is expected to increase to nearly £500 million in the next five years.

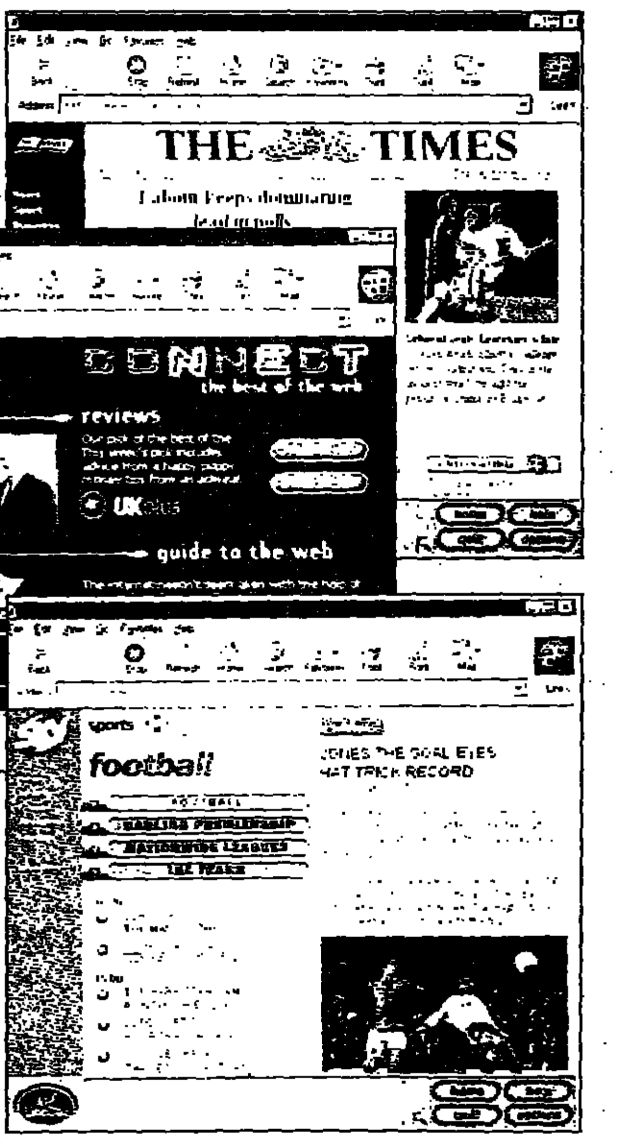
Europe's business aviation fleet grew by 10 per cent last year to 2,051 aircraft, and throughout the world makers of both jets and turbo-props report soaring sales figures.

Boeing has decided to increase production of a new business jet based on the popular 737 from two to six a month even before the first has been built, and more than 40 will be delivered within the first two years.

One British company is even converting a Boeing 747 into the world's most luxurious executive airliner, capable of carrying a maximum of 67 passengers on prestige business trips to corporate events.

By using smaller regional airports, the corporate traveller can now avoid congested hubs, be free to fly when he decides rather than stick to the airline timetable, and almost invariably beat a rival to vital meetings.

Business and corporate jets are no longer the preserve of the rich. They may prove to be the catalyst for the biggest change in flying habits in decades.



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# Anniversary of Kamikaze flight

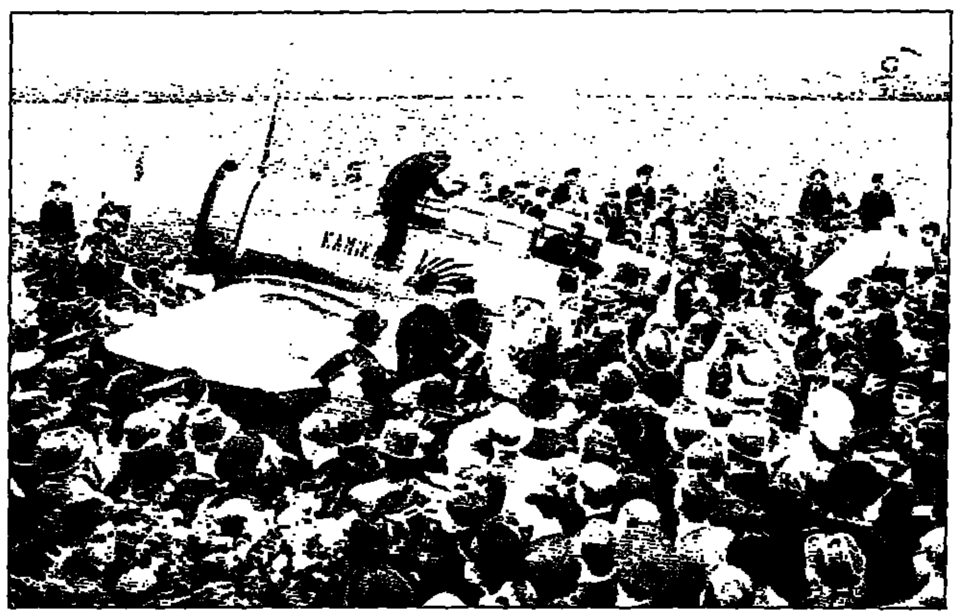
MORE than 400 Japanese gathered in London last night, *Harvey Elliott writes*, to celebrate the sixtieth anniversary of a record-breaking flight from Tokyo to Croydon by an aircraft known as *Divine Wind*, or *Kamikaze*.

The all-metal aircraft built by Mitsubishi had been named *Kamikaze* shortly before it took off on the 94-hour journey to London. It was aiming both to break the 100-hour barrier and to celebrate the coronation of King George VI which was due to take place the following month.

More than 4,000 people watched the arrival of *Kamikaze* when it landed at Croydon on April 9, 1937, and *The Times* covered in detail what was then regarded as one of the most important aviation events.

"As the airmen struggled to the ground from *Divine Wind*, they were greeted with cheers and cries of "*Banzai*" ("live forever"), were decked with garlands of flowers and were submitted to an ordeal of handshaking and congratulation," we reported.

A message was sent from the *Asahi Shimbun*, the Japanese newspaper which sponsored the flight, to "The British nation" through the pages of *The Times*, which was published on Saturday, April 10, 1937.



***The Times* pictures the arrival of *Kamikaze* in Croydon from Tokyo on April 9, 1937**

The flight, it said, would help to create "an atmosphere of peace and cordiality in the midst of the storms and thunder which rage over international relations today and threaten the world peace of tomorrow".

The pilot, Masaki Iinuma, and the mechanic, Kenji Tsukagoshi, spent 50 hours in the air during the journey time of 94 hours and 18 minutes and managed to snatch only ten hours' sleep.

Mr Tsukagoshi had a British mother whom he had hoped to find waiting for him at Croydon. Lionel Harvey, the author who is researching a book about the epic journey, says that unfortunately it is not recorded whether she arrived at the airport to greet her son or not.

Both men, however, were killed during the war and the aircraft was destroyed during an emergency landing off Taiwan.

A non-stop flight in a Boeing 747-400 today takes 13 hours 30 minutes.

# Simulator is too scary for public

THE world's most sophisticated cabin crew training simulator has been put out of bounds to all but airline professionals — because it is too realistic, *Harvey Elliott writes*.

Each of the 1,300 cabin crew employed by Emirates in Dubai has to spend up to five hours each year in the $9 million (£5.6 million) simulator, the only one of its kind in the world.

But many emerge from the training session in a state of shock at the realism of learning how to deal with an aircraft emergency.

Now they have been ordered to practice serving meals, emergency evacuation techniques and other in-flight skills only on staff rather than on the public.

"If real passengers experienced the kind of terror we subject our crew to they may never fly again," a senior Emirates trainer said.

The simulator, made in Canada, imitates a range of problems which might be encountered by cabin crew. These can include a fire, cabin decompression, emergency landing on water, or even a crash. Each is accompanied by realistic sounds of passengers screaming as the "aircraft" fills with smoke or lurches in response to the computer messages input from a tutor outside the cabin.

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# Defect caused insured damage

**Promet Engineering (Singapore) PTE Ltd v Sturge and Others (The Nukila)**

Before Sir Stephen Brown, President, Lord Justice Hobhouse and Lord Justice Ward

[Judgment March 26]

When deciding whether insurers were liable under a hull and machinery policy incorporating clauses which extended ordinary marine cover so as to include risks which would not otherwise be covered, the questions to be asked were whether there was a latent defect in the hull and if so what constituted that defect; and whether the defect caused damage to the hull.

If the answer to the second question was that there was actual damage, over and above a latent defect merely made patent, then the insurers were liable.

The Court of Appeal so stated in a reserved judgment allowing an appeal by Promet Engineering (Singapore) PTE Ltd, the plaintiffs, from the dismissal by Mr Justice Tuckey ([1996] 1 Lloyd's Rep 85) of their primary claim for damages for breach of contract against Nicholas Colwyn Sturge sued as representative underwriter.

The insurance under a hull and machinery policy incorporated Institute Time Clauses Hull to include risks which would not otherwise be covered and Institute Additional Perils Clauses — Hull: see *Thames and Mersey Marine Insurance Company Ltd v Hamilton Fraser and Co* ((1887) 12 App Cas 484). It covered the plaintiffs' accommodation platform Nukila at the relevant time.

The underwriters had refused to indemnify the plaintiff in respect of loss incurred in repairing the platform.

Mr Stephen Ruttle for the appellant plaintiffs; Mr David Mildon and Mr Nigel Eaton for the respondent defendants.

LORD JUSTICE HOBHOUSE said that the Nukila had been in service in the Java Sea since 1983. To stop the legs sinking into the soft seabed they ended in a welded-on steel box called a spudcan.

It was not disputed that the circumferential welds were not properly profiled. As a result fatigue cracking occurred which, when discovered on a routine inspection in 1987, was so serious that the platform had to be towed back to Singapore for extensive repair to the legs.

The plaintiffs claimed for the cost of repairs to the platform, towing charges and other expenses. It was agreed that their insurance policies covered them for the relevant period.

However, the defendants denied liability, contending that there was no consequential damage. All that had occurred was that the latent defect of poorly profiled welding in each leg had manifested itself in the cracks discovered thus no damage occurred to the hull within the policy clauses.

The cases relied on by the defendants to support their submission that the cracks were merely latent defects made patent did not alter the position that in each situation the question remained essentially one of fact: see *Oceanic Steamship Company v Faber* ((1906) 11 Com Cas 179; (1907) 13 Com Cas 28, CA); *Hutchins v Royal Exchange Assurance Corporation* ([1911] 2 KB 398) and *Scindia Steamships (London) Ltd v The London Assurance Co Ltd* ([1937] 1 KB 639).

Here, on the facts, there was a latent defect in the welds; that gave rise to fatigue cracks, initially in the leg tube surface but which later became so extensive that the platform became unsafe.

It would be an abuse of language to describe the legs and spudcans as merely defective; on any ordinary use of language they were damaged by being subjected to stresses which they were unable to resist due to the latent defects in the welding.

That was damage to the subject matter insured, that is, the hull of the Nukila, nor did the decision in the *Scindia* case require a different conclusion.

The questions to be asked were:

1 Was there damage to the subject matter insured?

2 Did that damage occur during the period covered by the policy?

3 Was that damage caused by a latent defect in the machinery or hull of the vessel?

As in the present case the answer to each of those questions was in the affirmative it followed that the insured were entitled to recover an indemnity from the underwriters and accordingly the appeal on the plaintiffs' primary claim would be allowed.

Lord Justice Ward gave a concurring judgment and Sir Stephen Brown agreed.

Solicitors: Norton Rose; Clyde & Co.

# Jail warning for city fraudsters

**Regina v Ward**
**Regina v Howard**
**Regina v Hendry**
**Attorney-General's Reference (Nos 14, 15 and 16 of 1995)**

Before Lord Justice McCowan, Mr Justice Howitt and Mr Justice Hooper

[Judgment March 21]

Those who took part in conspiracy to defraud involving the creation of false share markets to influence the fate of takeovers should know that if caught they would highly likely go to prison.

The Court of Appeal, Criminal Division, so stated on a reference by the Attorney-General under section 36 of the Criminal Justice Act 1988. It held that concurrent community service orders of 220 hours imposed on Michael Grainger Ward and Jeremy John Alan Howarth and a conditional discharge for 12 months imposed on George Hendry were unduly lenient and substituted, respectively, two years imprisonment, 30 months and 12 months suspended for two years. The sentences were imposed in March 1995 at Southwark Crown Court by Judge Mota Singh on conviction of Ward and Howarth and a plea of guilty by Hendry to conspiracy to defraud. Ward and Howarth were also convicted of three and four counts of theft respectively. Ward was also ordered to pay a total of £63,087.50 compensation within two years with 12 months imprisonment in default and Howarth was ordered to pay £151,042.26 compensation within two years with 12 months imprisonment in default and each was ordered to pay £2,000 towards the costs of the prosecution.

Mr Orlando Pownall and Mr Ian Gatt for the Attorney-General; Mr Andrew Trollope, QC and Mr Andrew Mitchell for Ward; Mr Roy Amlot, QC and Mr Michael Grieve for Howarth; Mr Ian Winter for Hendry.

LORD JUSTICE McCOWAN, giving the judgment of the court, said that much of the delay in hearing the applications resulted from the fact that two of the offenders had chosen, as was their right, to appeal against conviction.

Their Lordships had in each case taken into account previous good character, good performance since the trial and the effect on the families but had no hesitation in concluding that community service orders were inappropriate and too lenient.

Creating false share markets to influence the fate of takeovers was a very serious matter. Not only could it lead to a fraud on shareholders but it could cause considerable damage to the City of London which was very important to the whole of the country.

An important element in sentencing in such cases had to be the deterrent element. Those who took part should know that if caught they would be highly likely to go to prison and that payment of compensation orders would not save them.

The appropriate sentence for Ward would have been three years and for Howarth 30 months imprisonment; with a discount for the element of double jeopardy the proper sentences were two years and 15 months imprisonment respectively, and disqualification for holding a directorship of a public company for seven and five years respectively.

Hendry's case was significantly different. He did not play a main role and he pleaded guilty so that the right sentence would have been 15 months imprisonment. He was already suffering ill-health in the form of Parkinson's disease, diabetes, coronary arterial disease and depression and was very much worse off after the considerable delay, so that in those exceptional circumstances the court could impose a sentence of 12 months imprisonment and suspend it for two years.

He was also given credit for having established a small business on which he and his family were dependent. Their Lordships in their mercy and discretion would not disqualify him.

Solicitors: Crown Prosecution Service, Headquarters; Memery Crystal; Simons Muirhead & Burton; Burton Copeland.

# Tax penalty notices within jurisdiction

**Phipps v Income Tax General Commissioners for New Forest West and Another**

The imposition by general commissioners of two penalties of £4,000 each on a taxpayer for her continued failure to comply with a notice requiring her to provide them with information was within the commissioners' jurisdiction and would not be interfered with.

Mr Justice Lightman so held in the Chancery Division on March 10 dismissing an appeal by Georgina Phipps against the imposition of the penalties by the New Forest West general commissisoners on July 10 and November 17, 1995.

HIS LORDSHIP said that the taxpayer had settled with the Revenue an investigation into her tax affairs, making payment of £29,000.

The commissioners had issued the notice under regulation 10 of the General Commissioners (Jurisdiction and Procedure) Regulations (SI 1994 No 1811) requiring her to identify the source of the £29,000.

She had failed at all times to give her accountants instructions to comply with the notice and in her notice of appeal stated that she had been unable to provide certain information but was still trying to do so.

It was clear that there was a failure by the taxpayer to provide information.

The commissisoners had jurisdiction to make the orders: they had found serious default by the taxpayer that justified their decision and her appeal against the imposition of the penalties had to be dismissed.

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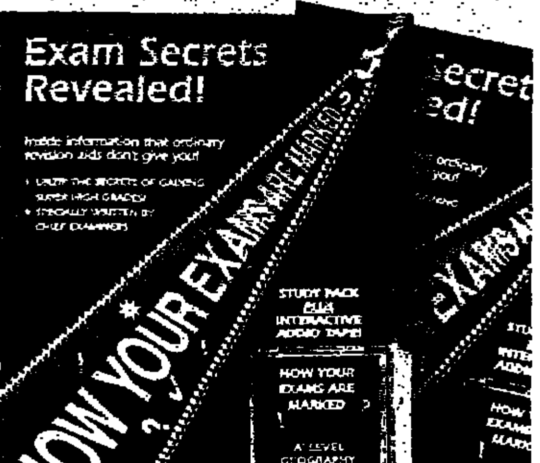
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CHANGING TIMES

# Contractor cannot escape liability

**Barking and Dagenham London Borough Council v Stamford Asphalt Co Ltd and Another**

Before Lord Justice McCowan, Lord Justice Millett and Lord Justice Auld

[Judgment February 20]

A term in a JCT building contract requiring an employer to insure against the risk of fire could not be relied on by a contractor to escape liability for a fire caused by his own negligence.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment dismissing an appeal by the defendant contractor, Stamford Asphalt Co Ltd, and the third party, the defendant's insurer, General Accident Fire and Life Assurance Corporation plc, against the decision of Mr Recorder Jonathan Playford, QC, sitting on official referees' business on July 24, 1995, on a preliminary issue in an action for damages by the plaintiff employer, Barking and Dagenham London Borough Council.

Mr Guy Anthony for the defendant; Mr Jeremy Stuart-Smith for the third party; Mr Paul Darling for the plaintiff.

LORD JUSTICE AULD said that the employer had instructed the contractor to do certain building work in accordance with the JCT standard form of agreement for minor building works (October 1988).

In the course of the work there had been a fire. It had been assumed for the purpose of determination of the preliminary issue that the contractor's subcontractor had negligently caused the fire and that it had caused direct and consequential loss to the employer by damaging the building and its contents, for all of which the employer had claimed damages.

Condition 6 of the agreement had made the contractor responsible for, and had required it to insure against loss caused by its default, including negligence (6.2). It had also provided for insurance in the joint names of the employer and the contractor against certain specified perils, including fire, to the works, the insurance to be undertaken by the employer (6.3B).

The contractor, as required by condition 6.2, had insured its liability for negligent damage to the building and contents. The employer, in breach of condition 6.3B, had not effected the joint insurance cover of the building, contents and works required by it.

The employer had claimed against the contractor under condition 6.2 for direct and consequential loss from damage to the building and its contents. In doing so it had maintained that its failure to insure as required by condition 6.3B, although a breach of contract, had had nothing to do with the contractor's liability under condition 6.2.

The contractor had maintained, by way of set-off and counterclaim, supported by its condition 6.2 insurer, that the employer's failure to insure had caused it a substantial loss corresponding to the damage to the building, contents and works for which condition 6.3B would have provided cover. It argued that the failure had deprived it of the protection that such insurance would have provided against much of the employer's claim against it under condition 6.2.

In *National Trust v Haden Young Ltd* ((1994) 72 BLR 1) Lord Justice Nourse had considered that there was a potential for overlap damage to the building and/or its contents from any of the specified perils in condition 6.3B for which the contractor might be liable under condition 6.2.

However, in his Lordship's judgment, conditions 6.2 and 6.3B were concerned with entirely different types of damage. Condition 6.2 governed liability for damage culpably caused by the contractor. Condition 6.3B required insurance for certain damage not culpably caused by it.

Condition 6.2 imposed an unqualified liability on the contractor. Condition 6.3B contained no words indicating that the employer had to insure against the specified perils in such a way as to suggest that they included those caused by the contractor's negligence.

It followed that if the employer had effected a condition 6.3B insurance it could properly, and consistently with condition 6.2, have excluded from cover any loss or damage caused by the contractor's negligence.

Most of the specified perils for which insurance was required under condition 6.3B, for example, lightning, explosion, storm, earthquake and riot, were of a type resulting from natural phenomena, so-called "acts of God", or were not normally the responsibility of either contracting party. That was how "fire" should be interpreted in that context.

If the condition 6.3B insurance were required to cover loss or damage caused by the specified perils, including fire, for which the contractor was liable, there would be unnecessary expense and duplication of insurance cover because the contractor was already bound to insure against it in respect of the building and contents under condition 6.2. In that instance both parties would be providing the same cover. That could not have been intended by the draftsman.

More generally, it could not sensibly have been the intention of the draftsman, or of the parties when entering into the agreement, that the employer's condition 6.3B insurance would enure for the benefit of the contractor so as to enable him to escape liability for his own negligence imposed by condition 6.2, and at common law.

Lord Justice McCowan and Lord Justice Millett agreed.

Solicitors: Shindler & Co; Berrymans; Vizards.

# Fresh evidence admitted by judge

**AIB Finance Ltd v Debtors**

Before Mr Justice Carnwath

[Judgment March 18]

Only if an application to set aside a statutory demand failed could there be said to have been a final decision on the merits for the purposes of Order 59, rule 10(2) of the Rules of the Supreme Court.

Where the goodwill of a business formed part of the mortgagee's security, fairness required that in exercising his power of sale the mortgagee should take into account the effect which a sale of the property alone would have on the value of the goodwill of the business.

Statutory demands against the debtors had been set aside by a district judge on the ground that there was possibly a substantial counterclaim under rule 6.5(4) of the Insolvency Rules (SI 1986 No 1925).

Mr Justice Carnwath, sitting in the Chancery Division, concluded that justice required consideration of the matter de novo and exercised his discretion to admit fresh evidence. However, even the fresh evidence did not show an amount available which would have equalled or exceeded the debts specified in the statutory demands and therefore his Lordship ruled that the district judge's order could not stand.

Mr David Iwi for AIB Finance Ltd; Mr Peter Leighton for respondent debtors.

MR JUSTICE CARNWATH said that the respondents were registered proprietors of a shop which they ran as a post office, newsagent and off-licence.

In 1988 they entered into a mortgage with the bank, AIB Finance Ltd, charging both the premises and the business goodwill as security for a loan of £160,000 and interest thereon.

The respondents fell into arrears, and in September 1995 the bank obtained an order for possession and judgment for arrears, amounting to £212,806.

The bank took possession of the premises in December 1995, and having received £32,299 from the sale of another property of the debtors served statutory demands on February 22, 1996 for the balance then owing of £143,951.

On March 27, the respondents applied to have the statutory demands set aside, on the ground that the premises and the business ought to have been sold together as a going concern, worth about £180,000.

However, a sale of the premises alone was completed in April 1996 for £43,500, although the bank's own adviser had, in 1994, valued the premises and business at £130,000. That fact raised at least a prima facie case that the bank had fallen short of the duties it owed to the respondent borrowers.

On September 6 a district judge at Brighton County Court set aside the statutory demands, on the basis that there was an arguable counterclaim which ought to be tried on its merits.

The bank chalenged that decision. The debtors applied to introduce fresh evidence.

After considering the authorities, his Lordship decided to hear the matter de novo and exercised his discretion to admit the further evidence on the ground that the district judge's decision to set aside the statutory demands was not a judgment after a hearing on the merits, for the purposes of Order 59, rule 10(2) of the Rules of the Supreme Court.

He considered that the merits included the defences (a) to (d) set out in rule 6.5(4) of the Insolvency Rules 1986.

The duties of a mortgagee in exercising a power of sale had been the subject of considerable discussion, and expressions used to describe it had not always been consistent.

After referring to the House of Lords decision in *Langdale v Danby* ([1982] 1 WLR 1123), his Lordship said that only if the application to set aside the demand failed could there be said to have been a final decision on the merits, in the sense explained by Lord Bridge of Harwich in that case.

His Lordship referred to *Palk v Mortgage Services Funding plc* ([1993] Ch 330) and quoted the words of Sir Donald Nicholls, Vice-Chancellor, in that case as to the lender's duties towards a borrower, and said that in principle where, as here, the goodwill of a business formed part of the security, the same approach should apply.

His Lordship rejected the submission that there was no duty in law to maintain the business, merely because running a business inevitably involved some degree of risk. And if the bank had a duty to safeguard the business, it would normally involve making arrangements before taking physical possession, otherwise there would inevitably be a break in the business and consequent damage to its value as a going concern.

*Palmer v Barclays Bank Ltd* ((1972) 23 P & C R 30) was also referred to.

It was impossible at that stage to say that there was no merit in the debtor's case without a more detailed investigation of the events leading up to the taking of possession.

His Lordship considered the evidence available as to the debtors' counterclaim and concluded that there was no prospect of its being found to equal or exceed the amount of the statutory demands and the district judge's judgment could therefore not be upheld.

Solicitors: Moran & Co, Tamworth; R. G. F. Vickery & Co, Bexleyheath.

# Granting leave to proceed out of time

**In re Melinek (a Bankrupt)**

Before Mr David Young, QC

[Judgment March 26]

In considering whether to exercise its discretion under section 285(3) of the Insolvency Act 1986 to grant an applicant leave out of time to commence proceedings against a bankrupt, the court should have a free hand to do what was right and fair according to the circumstances of the case.

In deciding that, the court should have regard, inter alia, to whether the claim could only be resolved by court proceedings or would more appropriately be decided by way of proof in the bankruptcy proceedings, and to whether the claim was clearly unsustainable. Leave was more likely to be granted where the defendant was insured.

Mr David Young QC, sitting as a deputy judge of the Chancery Division, so held in a reserved judgment, granting the plaintiff's application for leave to commence proceedings nunc pro tunc for damages in respect of the alleged negligence and breach of contract and breach of trust of the defendant solicitor, Stuart Samuel Melinek, a bankrupt.

Miss Martha Maher for the applicant; Mr William Flenley for the respondent.

HIS LORDSHIP said that in exercising the wide discretion conferred by section 285(3) of the 1986 Act, he had found the principles set out in *In re Coastal Construction Pty Ltd* ((1994) 13 ACSR 329) of considerable assistance. Those were:

1 That an application for leave could be given if good cause was shown on the merits, the test being whether there was a serious question to be tried, although in that respect his Lordship agreed with the contrasting approach of Mr Justice Jonathan Parker in *In re Bank of Credit & Commerce International SA (No 4)* ([1994] 1 BCLC 419), that it was not necessary for the court to investigate the merits of the proposed claim, provided it was satisfied that it was not clearly unsustainable.

2 That there must be no prejudice to the creditors or to the orderly administration of the bankruptcy if the action was to proceed.

3 That the claim must be of a type which should proceed by action rather than through the proofing procedure in bankruptcy.

4 That leave was more likely to be granted where the defendant was insured, since any judgment debt obtained by the plaintiff would be paid by the insurers, and therefore it was unlikely that the creditors would be prejudiced. The section was not designed to protect an insurer.

5 A condition was often imposed that the plaintiff would not enforce any judgment against the respondent without the leave of the court, which ensured that the bankruptcy court would retain ultimate control.

6 Mere delay itself in applying for leave would not prevent leave being granted. Leave was not to be withheld simply and solely as a punishment.

7 Leave could be granted after the expiry of the relevant period of limitation to continue an action commenced within the limitation period without the leave of the court.

Since the plaintiff clearly had a sustainable case, which could not appropriately be decided by way of proof in the bankruptcy proceedings, his Lordship granted leave to pursue the claim against the respondent on the condition that any order against the respondent would only be enforced with leave of the bankruptcy court.

Solicitors: Eversheds, Bristol; Pinsent Curtis.

## Correction

In *In re Amadeus Trading Ltd* (*The Times* April 1) the solicitors for Amadeus were Paul Joseph & Co.

## LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

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### LEGAL NOTICES

In the Matter of Planer Fashions Limited
and in the Matter of the Insolvency Act and Rules 1986

In accordance with Rule 4.106, I, Melvyn Julian Carter of Carter Backer Winter, Hill House, Highgate Hill, London, N19 5UU, give notice that on 1 April 1997 I was appointed Liquidator by resolutions of members.

Notice is hereby given that the creditors of the above named company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before the 31 May 1997 to send in their full christian and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned Melvyn Julian Carter of Hill House, Highgate Hill, London N19 5UU, the Liquidator of the said company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are, personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution.

Note: This notice is purely formal. All creditors have been or will be paid in full.

Dated: 1 April 1997
Signed M J Carter, Liquidator

The Insolvency Act 1986
CANADIA LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named Company will be held on 30th April 1997 at The Old Bakery, Lower Ground Road, Royston, Herts, at 12.00 noon for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 et seq of the said Act.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dorrington, FIPA, of Poppleton & Appleby, 4 Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN is appointed to act as the qualified Insolvency Practitioner pursuant to Section 98(2)(a) of the said Act who will furnish creditors, free of charge, with such information concerning the Company's affairs as they may reasonably require.

Dated this 7th April 1997
By Order of the Board
I Osborn, Director

The New Brunswick Railway Company
NOTICE TO HOLDERS OF 4% CONSOLIDATED DEBENTURE STOCK
(Sterling Denomination)
CHANGE OF TRANSFER AGENT AND REGISTRAR

Effective March 12 1997, The Trust Company of Bank of Montreal began carrying out all our Transfer Agent, Registrar and related services, including interest payments, for the sterling denominated 4% Consolidated Debenture Stock(CDS).

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Effective immediately, all other correspondence relating to the business of New Brunswick Railway should be addressed as follows: Corporate Secretary, The New Brunswick Railway Company, 300 Union Street, PO Box 5777, Saint John, N.B. E2L 4M3, Office of the Corporate Secretary, The New Brunswick Railway Company.

AIOC (UK) LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of The Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of the creditors of the above-named Company will be held at 7 Kenrick Place, London W1H 3FF on 28th April 1997 at 12.30pm for the purposes provided for in Section 98 et seq.

A list of names and addresses of the above Company's Creditors can be inspected at the offices of Latham Crossley & Davis, 7 Kenrick Place, London W1H 3FF, between the hours of 10.00am and 4.00pm on the two business days preceding the Meeting of Creditors.

DATED THIS 2nd April 1997
Corporate Secretarial Services Limited
Company Secretary

No 01065 of 1997
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
COMPANIES COURT
IN THE MATTER OF JORDEC GROUP PLC
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dated 26 March 1997 confirming the reduction of the Capital of the above-named Company from £6,119,923 to £1,712,500 and the reduction of the Share Premium Account from £5,587,896 to £269,958 and the Minute approved by the Court showing with respect to the capital of the Company as altered the several particulars required by the above-mentioned Act were registered by the Registrar of Companies on 1st April 1997.

DATED this 10th day of April 1997
Halliwell Landau
St James's Court,
Brown Street, Manchester
M2 2JF
Ref: PMA/RNG/B07365.15
Tel: 0161 835 3003
Fax: 0161 835 2994
Solicitors for the above-named Company.

The Insolvency Act 1986
UNIMEC LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named Company will be held on 22nd April 1997 at The Old Bakery, Lower Ground Road, Royston, Herts, at 2.30pm for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 et seq of the said Act.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dorrington, FIPA, of Poppleton & Appleby, 4 Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN is appointed to act as the qualified Insolvency Practitioner pursuant to Section 98(2)(a) of the said Act who will furnish creditors, free of charge, with such information concerning the Company's affairs as they may reasonably require.

Dated this 1st April 1997
By Order of the Board
N Van Loon, Director

### PUBLIC NOTICES

Witan Investment Company plc announces the result of the vote by poll on the resolution put to shareholders at the Annual General Meeting of the Company on 18 March 1997 to authorise directors to make limited contributions to political parties. The resolution was passed by a majority of 10,888,900 votes to 4,808,325.

### LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO THE CREDITORS OF PERHAM SECURITIES LIMITED
(IN LIQUIDATION)
Company Number 921368

The liquidator of Perham Securities Limited gives notice under the provisions of Rule 11.2 of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that he intends to make an interim dividend to the unsecured creditors of the company on or before 2 September 1997.

Creditors who have not already done so, must send details in writing, of any claim against the company to the liquidator Jonathan Guy Anthony Phillips of Price Waterhouse at No 1 London Bridge, London SE1 9QL by 2 May 1997 which is the last day for submitting claims. A creditor who does not make a claim by that date will not be included in the proposed interim distribution.

Dated 7 April 1997
Jonathan Guy Anthony Phillips
Liquidator

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RACING: VIRUS HINDERS WARREN PLACE TEAM'S PREPARATION

# Shadow cast over Cecil's Guineas aspirations

By Julian Muscat

HENRY CECIL'S ambitions on the Newmarket classics received a jolt when his team of high-class fillies yesterday declined their work engagements on the Newmarket trial grounds. It later emerged that the trainer's Warren Place string is under a cloud.

All meaningful gallops have been suspended pending the outcome of a series of tests, the results of which are due later this week. A bug has been circulating Cecil's Newmarket stable over the winter months and some horses have yet to shake it off.

"One or two of them have had a little bit of an infection on their lungs," Cecil said. "As a precaution, I will be taking blood tests and scoping horses over the next two days. We have had our fair share of coughing and ringworm and the yard is not completely clear of it yet."

This unwelcome development is sure to send tremors through ante-post betting lists for the 1,000 and 2,000 Guineas next month. So strong is Cecil's pool of fillies that he entered a quartet for the 2,000 Guineas, traditionally the preserve of colts. Among them is Sleepytime, whose absence from work yesterday triggered the alarm.

Sleepytime also dominates betting exchanges for the 1,000 Guineas: she contracted to 9-4 favourite from 11-4 after sustained support on Monday. Although the twice-raced filly is reportedly clear of infection, Cecil is withholding her from fast work until veterinarians provide him with a more detailed assessment of the stable's health.

Warren Place is traditionally in full swing for the Craven meeting at Newmarket next week. But running plans seem sure to be affected. "It is hoped that Sleepytime will take her chance in the Fred Darling Stakes [at Newbury a week tomorrow]," Cecil said. "Otherwise, I am not sure we will have a runner in Tuesday's Nell Gwyn Stakes at Newmarket. We must get the results of the tests before I put anything under pressure at home."

Cecil's stable houses four of the leading 1,000 Guineas candidates in Sleepytime, Reams Of Verse, Yashmak and Fleet River. Reams Of Verse and Yashmak were below par over the winter, although both fillies now appear to have recovered. None of the quartet was sighted by Newmarket work-watchers yesterday, but a favourable conclusion to the testing programme will see them resume on Saturday.

A portent of the ill wind circling Warren Place came at Nottingham on Tuesday, when Shaheen, Cecil's first runner of the season, fluctuated wildly in the betting ring. His price varied between 3-1 and 7-1 before settling at 7-2; the colt could finish only third. Punters have become accustomed to Cecil's first runner of the new season obliging handsomely at short odds.

It has not been a good week for punters in general. Only five days ago, Bahhare, the 2,000 Guineas favourite, was ruled out of the race with muscle damage and the Godolphin-owned Shamikh was immediately promoted to favouritism.

Should Sleepytime falter, Godolphin's Midnight Paradise will do likewise for the 1,000 Guineas — unless Pas De Reponse posts a sensational victory at Maisons-Laffitte tomorrow. The benefits of wintering horses in Dubai have again become evident; in three years Godolphin has never suffered from the viral infections now commonplace throughout Britain.

Ante-post punters are unlikely to be stung in exchanges over the Whitbread Gold Cup at Sandown on April 26 because bookmakers may not frame advance prices. More than half the 48-strong entry was withdrawn from the contest yesterday.

Doubts also linger over several of the 22 horses standing their ground. Avro Anson and Go Ballistic are unlikely runners after their Aintree exertions but Mudahim, trained by Jenny Pitman, remains on target for the prestigious steeplechase. Winner of the Irish Grand National last month, Mudahim will attempt a big-race double never previously achieved.

**RICHARD EVANS**

*Nap:* **SONGSHEET**
(3.30 Folkestone)
*Next best:* **Bubbly**
(4.30 Folkestone)

JULIAN HERBERT/ALLSPORT

Mudahim is chasing an historic double in the Whitbread Gold Cup at Sandown

## HAMILTON PARK

THUNDERER

2.20 Mels Baby. 2.50 Step N Go. 3.20 **BE WARNED** (nap). 3.50 Risky Whisky. 4.20 Sharaf. 4.50 Lord Hastie.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.50 **RISKY WHISKY.**

GOING: SOFT (GOOD TO SOFT IN PLACES) SIS
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### 2.20 CALDER APPRENTICE SERIES HANDICAP
(Round I: £2,683: 1m 65yd) (16 runners)

101 (4) 6-42 MELS BABY 21 (D,F,G,S) J Eyre 4-10-0 . S Buckley (3) 95
102 (1) 00-0 TAKE NOTICE 21 R McKellar 4-9-12 . J McAuley (3) 97
103 (14) 1132 RAMBO WALTZER 5 (CD,F,G,S) D Nicholls 5-9-9 Carolyn Bales (5) ■
104 (13) 210- BEST OF ALL 44J (B,D,F,G,S) J Berry 5-9-6 C Lowther (3) 90
105 (11) 2130 LIVE PROJECT 10 (D,G,S) M Johnston 5-9-2 N Pollard (3) 93
106 (15) 443- CA'D'ORO 168 (D,G) G Balding 4-8-13 . F Tynan (5) 91
107 (10) 0-02 RUNNING GREEN 14 (D,G) D Moffatt 6-8-13 . P Doe 95
108 (5) 1331 GADGE 10 (D,F,G,S) A Bailey 6-8-13 (5ex) T Siddall (3) 97
109 (9) 0-00 GIFTBOX 8 (CD,G,S) N Bycroft 5-8-7 . Anthony Bond 96
110 (3) -000 BOUT 10 R McKellar 3-8-3 . Fiona Brown (5) 90
111 (16) -000 VEESEY 45 John Berry 4-8-0 . R Smith (3) –
112 (2) 55-0 RATTLE 14 (B) D Nolan 4-7-11 . Angela Hartley (3) 98
113 (6) 600- TEEJAY'N'AITCH 10J J Goldie 5-7-10 . P Bradley (5) 90
114 (8) 00-0 HUTCHIES LADY 8 (CD,S) R McKellar 5-7-10 Jenny Benson (3) 85
115 (7) 00-0 FATEHALKHAIR 16 B Ellison 5-7-10 . R Winston (5) 88
116 (12) 10-3 PORTITE SOPHIE 5 (D,G) M Brittain 5-7-10 D Mernagh (5) 98

7-2 Rambo Waltzer, 6-1 Gadge, Mels Baby, 7-1 Best Of All, 8-1 Ca'd'oro, 10-1 Running Green, 12-1 Rattle, 16-1 others.

### 2.50 SPRINGFIELD RATING RELATED MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,472: 1m 65yd) (8)

201 (3) 00-4 BARRESBO 10 C Fairhurst 9-0 . K Fallon ■
202 (8) 0-00 FATHER EDDIE 38 J J O'Neill 9-0 . G Duffield 80
203 (1) 400- MY SALTARELLO 156 A Mulholland 9-0 . M Birch 87
204 (5) 006- PURCHASING POWER 147 N Callaghan 9-0 . S Drowne 91
205 (6) 50-0 WILLSKIP 10 J Berry 9-0 . G Carter –
206 (2) 0-22 FEARLESS SIOUX 40 C Thornton 8-11 . D McKeown 97
207 (4) 604- STEP N GO 161 Mrs J Ramsden 8-11 . J Fortune 96
208 (7) 00-2 TYCOON TINA 8 W Brisbourne 8-11 . K Darley 91

9-4 Step N Go, 3-1 Tycoon Tina, 9-2 Fearless Sioux, 5-1 Purchasing Power, 6-1 Barresbo, 12-1 Father Eddie, 14-1 others.

### 3.20 DAVIE COOPER MEMORIAL HANDICAP
(£3,713. 6f 5yd) (18)

301 (7) 20-0 NO CLICHES 15 (F) D Nicholls 4-10-0 . Alex Greaves 90
302 (11) 60-0 NAISSANT 36 (D,G,S) R McKellar 4-10-0 J McAuley (7) 97
303 (17) 000- STYLISH WAYS 156 (D,G,S) J Pearce 5-10-0 G Bardwell 98
304 (8) 1250 ULTRA BEET 12 (B,CD,F,G) P Haslam 5-9-11 J Weaver 90
305 (4) 000- PRECIOUS GIRL 145J (C,D,F,G,S) D Moffatt 4-9-11 Darren Moffatt (3) 90
306 (5) -062 SAFIO 20 (G) A Bailey 4-9-7 . D Wright 96
307 (14) 50-3 TROPICAL BEACH 14 (C,D,F,G) J Berry 4-9-4 C Lowther (7) 96
308 (2) 044- BOLD STREET 139J (D,G,S) G Moore 7-9-3 . A Culhane 90
309 (18) 0-64 BE WARNED 10 (B,D,F,G) M Dods 6-9-1 . G Carter 91
310 (13) -131 NEEDLE MATCH 24 (D,G) J J O'Neill 4-9-0 . K Darley 98
311 (1) 40-0 RYMER'S RASCAL 24 (D,S) E Alston 5-8-13 . J Fortune –
312 (6) 040- MISTER WESTSOUND 154 (B,CD,F) Miss L Perratt 5-8-12 J Carroll 96
313 (9) 020- SMOKEY FROM CAPLAW 224 (CD,F) J J O'Neill 3-8-12 G Duffield 89
314 (12) 11-4 RETURN OF AMIN 14 (G,S) J Bethell 3-8-10 . D Holland 85
315 (10) -510 SIHAFI 15 (D,G) J Carr 4-8-10 . A Clark 97
316 (15) 00-0 LUNCH PARTY 14 (F) D Nicholls 5-8-6 . Dale Gibson 88
317 (3) 000- SIX FOR LUCK 169 (F) D Nolan 5-8-6 . N Varley 93
318 (16) 0-13 FOIST 10 (D,BF,G) M W Easterby 5-8-5 . K Fallon ■

7-1 Safio, 8-1 Needle Match, Foist, Return Of Amin, 10-1 Tropical Beach, 12-1 Ultra Beet, 14-1 others.

### 3.50 DUNWAN NOVICE MEDIAN AUCTION STAKES (Qualifier: 2-Y-O: £2,556: 5f 4yd) (6)

401 (3) 1 RISKY WHISKY 12 (D,S) J Berry 9-4 . G Carter ■
402 (2) 0 CAPTAIN BRADY 19 W G M Turner 8-12 D Sweeney (5) 83
403 (1) 0 MR FUND SWITCH 19 D Nicholls 8-12 . Alex Greaves –
404 (4) 6 ANKA LADY 16 D Moffatt 8-7 . Darren Moffatt (3) 81
405 (5) 033 FILEY BRIGG 8 W Kemp 8-7 . K Fallon 83
406 (6) 4 SOLWAY LASS 15 P Eccles 8-7 . C Rutter 79

Evens Risky Whisky, 7-2 Solway Lass, 6-1 Captain Brady, 7-1 others.

### 4.20 GLEN LIMITED STAKES
(£2,458: 1m 4f 17yd) (7)

501 (3) 6051 STATE APPROVAL 12 (D,F,G) P Eccles 4-9-0 . C Rutter 90
502 (5) 36/2 SUN MARK 8 Mrs A Swinbank 6-8-13 . G Duffield 85
503 (2) /50- TURNPOLE 54J (F) Mrs M Reveley 6-8-13 A Culhane 89
504 (6) 220- BLENHEIM TERRACE 180 (G) C Booth 4-8-12 L Charnock 89
505 (4) 1 NISHAMIRA 49J (D,G) T Barron 5-8-12 . K Darley 96
506 (1) 400- SHARAF 168 (D,F) W Muir 4-8-12 . J Weaver ■
507 (7) 554/ FRENCH PROJECT 411J (F) Mrs S Bradburne 5-8-10 D McKeown –

9-4 Nishamira, 7-2 State Approval, 5-1 Sharaf, 6-1 Sun Mark, 8-1 others.

### 4.50 CHATELHERAULT HANDICAP
(£3,318: 1m 5f 9yd) (18)

601 (2) 00-0 COIS NA FARRAIGE 21 (F) Miss L Perratt 4-10-0 J Carroll –
602 (18) 6-30 MISTER ASPECTO 15 (V,CD,F,G) M Johnston 4-10-0 J Weaver 93
603 (4) 20-0 TURGENEV 16 (B,G,S) R Bastiman 8-9-13 H Bastiman (5) 89
604 (10) 404- TRILBY 170 (F) G Richards 4-9-11 . A Culhane 98
605 (17) 60-0 LORD HASTIE 8 (CD,F,G,S) C Thornton 9-9-8 D Pears (3) 95
606 (3) 00-0 ROSSEL 8 (G) P Monteith 4-9-6 . J Bramhill (5) 93
607 (8) 25-5 SEA FREEDOM 12 (V) G Balding 6-9-6 . S Drowne 98
608 (12) 1U-0 COMPASS POINTER 41 (G) J Eustace 4-9-6 D Sweeney (5) 97
609 (9) 00/0 BRUMON 12J (V,F,G) D Moffatt 6-9-5 . Darren Moffatt (3) –
610 (6) -000 HARD LOVE 16 (G) J Eyre 5-9-5 . R Lappin 80
611 (16) 10-0 HE'S GOT WINGS 21 (F) Mrs J Ramsden 4-9-2 J Fortune 95
612 (7) 30-0 KARISMA 15 Denys Smith 4-9-2 . K Fallon 98
613 (15) -P56 SHARP COMMAND 34J (G) P Eccles 4-8-13 . C Rutter 92
614 (14) -230 HEIGHTH OF FAME 27 (D,G) J Hetherton 6-8-12 K Darley ■
615 (5) -100 NORTHERN MOTTO 15 (G,S) J Goldie 4-8-10 D McKeown 98
616 (11) -526 THORNTOUN ESTATE 14 (G) M Todhunter 4-8-7 Dale Gibson 96
617 (1) 4033 PHILMIST 8 (B,G) Miss L Perratt 5-8-7 . N Kennedy 98
618 (12) 5-50 SHEEMORE 73 M Hammond 4-8-5 . G Duffield 89

6-1 Sea Freedom, 8-1 He's Got Wings, 12-1 Mister Aspecto, Trilby, 14-1 Lord Hastie, Philmist, Compass Pointer, 20-1 others.

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2.10 Baylord Prince. 2.40 Major Dundee. 3.10 Sugar Hill. 3.40 Honey Mount. 4.10 Brown Robber. 4.40 Iron N'Gold. 5.10 Arctic Fox.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (FIRM IN PLACES) SIS

### 2.10 FONTWELL PARK SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,942: 2m 6f 110yd) (10 runners)

1 533P CHARLIE PARROT 29 M Pipe 7-11-10 . A P McCoy
2 FF4P NICK THE DREAMER 12 (D,F,G,S) W G M Turner 12-11-6 R Dunwoody
3 0302 ROGER'S PAL 30 (G,S) P Eccles 10-11-3 . D Gallagher
4 05P5 ITS GRAND 12 (S) P Ritchens 8-10-12 . S Fox
5 00/5 ACROSS THE BOW 22 A Dunn 7-10-6 . G Tormey
6 UU6P TUG YOUR FORELOCK 19 G Johnson Houghton 6-10-4 A Thornton
7 0-60 BAYLORD PRINCE 10 (CD,F,S) Mrs J Ewer 9-10-1 Sophie Mitchell (3)
8 0056 ALDWICK COLONNADE 19 (C,F,G) M Usher 10-10-0 W McFarland
9 PPP FASHION LEADER 57 C Weedon 6-10-0 . M Richards
10 0PP/ INCHYDONEY BOY 682 T McGovern 8-10-0 . M Batchelor (7)

6-4 Charlie Parrot, 3-1 Roger's Pal, 6-1 Its Grand, 7-1 Nick The Dreamer, 12-1 Across The Bow, Aldwick Colonnade, Baylord Prince, 25-1 others.

### 2.40 KYBO MAIDEN HURDLE
(Div I: £1,825: 2m 2f 110yd) (9)

1 -242 ALKA INTERNATIONAL 10 Mrs P Townsley 5-11-6 Derek Byrne
2 5P64 CLOCK WATCHERS 10 J Bridger 9-11-6 . D Morris
3 GRANSTOWN LAKE 7 Casey 6-11-6 . R Dunwoody
4 P ITANI 83 M Wilkinson 5-11-6 . W Marston
5 -PF0 LORD LOVE 15 P Charalambous 5-11-6 . A Thornton
6 0 ROBERT SAMUEL 292 N Henderson 6-11-6 . M A Fitzgerald
7 DANUCHA J Poulton 5-11-1 . T J Murphy
8 -035 KILSHEY 31 J Gifford 6-11-1 . L Aspell (3)
9 62 MAJOR DUNDEE 10 M Pipe 4-11-0 . A P McCoy

4-6 Major Dundee, 6-1 Kilshey, 7-1 Robert Samuel, 10-1 Granstown Lake, 12-1 Alka International, 14-1 Clock Watchers, 16-1 Itani, 20-1 others.

### 3.10 GEORGE GALE & CO HANDICAP CHASE
(£3,343: 3m 2f 110yd) (8)

1 4328 CHANGE THE REIGN 7 (D,F,G,S) Miss A Embiricos 10-11-11 Mr R Thornton (3)
2 3412 CREDON 16 (CD,G,S) S Woodman 9-11-4 . B Fenton
3 5/04 NATIVE VENTURE 261 (G,S) T Casey 9-11-4 . A Thornton
4 216P SUGAR HILL 27 (BF,S) J Gifford 7-10-9 . P Hide
5 -P28 FIDDLERS PIKE 19P (S) Mrs R Henderson 16-10-6 Mrs R Henderson
6 5U14 PAVLOVA 26 (S) R Rowe 7-10-0 . D O'Sullivan
7 5632 LAY IT OFF 10 (F,S) J J O'Neill 8-10-0 . S Curran
8 4243 MASTER COMEDY 30 (B,CD,F,S) Miss L Bower 13-10-0 N Williamson

7-2 Sugar Hill, 4-1 Lay It Off, 9-2 Change The Reign, 5-1 Credon, Pavlova, 7-1 Native Venture, 10-1 others.

### 3.40 TUSCAN NOVICES HURDLE
(£2,448: 3m 3f) (5)

1 -154 HONEY MOUNT 121 (F) N Walker 6-11-6 . N Williamson
2 3PF5 GLENDINE 15 C Mann 7-11-0 . J Railton
3 06P5 KYBO'S REVENGE 21 R Rowe 6-11-0 . D O'Sullivan
4 0068 COUNTER ATTACK 10 Miss A Embiricos 6-10-9 . K Gaule
5 P242 MAYLIN MAGIC 12 T Casey 6-10-9 . R Dunwoody

4-5 Maylin Magic, 11-4 Honey Mount, 6-1 Glendine, 7-1 Kybo's Revenge, 16-1 Counter Attack.

### 4.10 SILVER SHADOW NOVICES CHASE
(£3,098: 2m 3f) (9)

1 F55P BELLS WOOD 29 (S) A Dunn 8-11-2 . S McNeill
2 R-PF BRIGHT SEASON 10 (B) J Poulton 9-11-2 . T J Murphy
3 PP2U BROWN ROBBER 15 Mrs R Henderson 9-11-2 . B Fenton
4 F600 CHAPEL OF BARRAS 38 (G,S) Miss K George 8-11-2 . P Hide
5 6P33 CRUISE CONTROL 12 R Rowe 11-11-2 . D O'Sullivan
6 0P03 FULL OF TRICKS 12 J Bridger 9-11-2 . D Morris
7 3P-P GUNNER JOHN 165 T Casey 6-11-2 . A Thornton
8 0RPF ICANTELYA 16 (V,G,S) J Mullins 8-11-2 . S Curran
9 F65F ELL GEE 16 Mrs P Townsley 7-10-11 . Derek Byrne

5-2 Cruise Control, 3-1 Full Of Tricks, 5-1 Icantelya, 6-1 Gunner John, Brown Robber, 14-1 Ell Gee, 16-1 others.

### 4.40 COMEDY OF ERRORS HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,574: 2m 2f 110yd) (11)

1 F-1P FISIO SANDS 274 (CD,BF,F) T McGovern 8-11-12 M Batchelor (7)
2 -F31 OUT ON A PROMISE 85F (F) N Walker 5-11-9 N Williamson
3 35/6 LIVE ACTION 22 (G) Miss H Knight 10-11-5 . J Culloty
4 1034 MAZZINI 56 (F,G) R Rowe 6-11-5 . Mr P O'Keeffe (7)
5 0314 IRON N GOLD 12 (V,BF,F,G) T Casey 5-11-0 . R Dunwoody
6 3131 DERISBAY 12 (B,F,G,S) J Bridger 9-10-11 Sophie Mitchell (3)
7 1230 STAPLEFORD LADY 210 (CD,F) J Moore 9-10-9 W McFarland
8 3453 CABOCHON 10 (G,S) J Joseph 10-10-8 . D Skyrme
9 0004 PERSIAN MYSTIC 31 (F) D Wintle 5-10-6 . W Marston
10 062R YELLOW DRAGON 10 (B,S) B Pearce 4-10-4 . P Henley (3)
11 4041 NIGHT IN A MILLION 10 (F) S Woodman 6-10-4 (6ex) L Aspell (3)

11-4 Out On A Promise, 5-1 Iron N Gold, 6-1 Night In A Million, Mazzini, 8-1 Live Action, Fisio Sands, 10-1 others.

### 5.10 KYBO MAIDEN HURDLE
(Div II: £1,807: 2m 2f 110yd) (9)

1 44PU ABSOLUTE LIMIT 19 J Gifford 5-11-6 . P Hide
2 40 ARCTIC FOX 19 (BF) Miss H Knight 5-11-6 . J F Titley
3 PUF0 BENJI 21 (B) T Casey 6-11-6 . J A McCarthy
4 2P22 MULLINTOR 12 R Rowe 6-11-6 . D O'Sullivan
5 53 REAL MADRID 10 G Enright 6-11-6 . Mr R Thornton (3)
6 00 TOAT CHIEFTAIN 10 (B) Miss A Embiricos 5-11-6 . K Gaule
7 0 LAS ANIMAS 19 (B) R Champion 6-11-1 . B Powell
8 PP3 MISS GEE-ELL 7 N Thomson 5-11-1 . Mr E Babington (7)
9 0535 VERONICA FRANCO 10 B Pearce 4-10-9 . P Henley (3)

6-4 Arctic Fox, 7-4 Absolute Limit, 8-1 Real Madrid, 10-1 Benji, 12-1 Mullintor, Las Animas, Veronica Franco, 33-1 others.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Folkestone: 2.00 Jobie, Nellie North, 2.30 Heavenly Miss. Fontwell Park: 4.40 Iron N Gold, 4.40 Yellow Dragon, 5.10 Benji, Toat Chieftain.

## COURSE SPECIALISTS

### Hamilton Park

TRAINERS: J Pearce, 3 winners from 7 runners, 42.9%; B Ellison, 3 from 15, 20.0%; Mrs M Reveley, 23 from 121, 19.0%; P Haslam, 20 from 107, 18.7%; M Johnston, 27 from 154, 17.5%; J Berry, 38 from 222, 17.1%; C Thornton, 10 from 67, 14.9%; A Bailey, 8 from 59, 13.6%.

JOCKEYS: J Weaver, 37 winners from 142 rides, 26.1%; K Darley, 43 from 209, 20.6%; J Fortune, 23 from 112, 20.5%; G Duffield, 17 from 89, 19.1%; R Lappin, 7 from 39, 17.9%; D Wright, 7 from 45, 15.6%.

### Fontwell Park

TRAINERS: M Pipe, 18 winners from 68 runners, 26.5%; J Gifford, 26 from 127, 20.5%; N Henderson, 6 from 32, 18.8%; M Usher, 3 from 16, 18.8%; T Casey, 5 from 28, 17.9%; P Ritchens, 3 from 17, 17.6%; Miss H Knight, 4 from 24, 16.7%; J Moore, 4 from 25, 16.0%.

JOCKEYS: P Henley, 6 winners from 21 rides, 28.6%; J Culloty, 5 from 20, 25.0%; P Hide, 21 from 94, 22.3%; A P McCoy, 16 from 80, 20.0%; T Murphy, 3 from 16, 18.8%; D Morris, 15 from 94, 16.0%; Sophie Mitchell, 4 from 25, 16.0%.

## FOLKESTONE

THUNDERER

2.00 Sir Tasker
2.30 Jukebox Jive
3.00 Soojama
3.30 Hever Golf Star
4.00 Premier Night
4.30 E Sharp
5.00 Dauphin

### GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 . B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing: J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. *The Times Private Handicapper's rating.*

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (FIRM IN PLACES) SIS
DRAW: 5F-6F, LOW NUMBERS BEST

### 2.00 LEVY BOARD APPRENTICES HANDICAP
(£2,116: 6f) (16 runners)

1 (15) 024042- VAX NEW WAY 169 (B,D,G) (D Sepulchre) A Vanderhaeghen (Bel) 4-9-13 R Brisland 90
2 (10) 531400- PHARAOH'S JOY 183 (D,F) (Pyramid RC) J Payne 4-9-13 Jacqueline Coppard (8) 92
3 (5) 52000-0 DON'T FORGET MIKIE 582 A Vanderhaeghen (Bel) 4-9-10 . R Cody-Boutcher –
4 (12) 503500- NELLIE NORTH 198 (B,G) (G Greenwood) G McCourt 4-9-10 R Studholme (3) 94
5 (14) 33-3204 BON SECRET 44 (D,G) (T Naughton) T Naughton 5-9-10 Rachael Moody (8) 98
6 (6) 6-30360- ED'S FOLLY 313 (E Davess) S Dow 4-9-10 . D Salt (8) 90
7 (3) 305301 ASTRAL INVADER 14 (V,D,F,S) (M Saunders) M Saunders 5-9-9 A McCarthy ■
8 (13) 00500-0 TIME FOR TEA 10 (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 4-9-9 . R Sawyer (8) 95
9 (7) 02006-3 SCATHEBURY 15 (D,F,G) (N Shields) K Burke 4-9-9 . P Wright (8) 90
10 (16) 553630- VELVET JONES 178 (Mrs J Charles-Jones) G C-Jones 4-9-4 Charlotte Cox (8) 98
11 (9) 030240 RIVER SEINE 14 (G) (Mrs G Withers) S Knight 5-9-3 . Darren Williams (5) 88
12 (1) 001-605 MISTER RAIDER 10 (B,D,G) (Raiders Pinrs) E Wheeler 5-9-2 . Kerry Baker 87
13 (11) 30000-0 JOBIE 17 (V,D,G) (Rags To Richard's Pinrs) R Phillips 7-9-2 . L James 96
14 (4) 510230 SIR TASKER 6 (D,F,G) (J Coupland) J L Harris 9-9-2 . J Fowle 97
15 (2) 3046-63 SUMMERVILLE WOOD 14 (B,D,F) (Likely Lads) P Mooney 3-9-0 P Fitzsimons (5) 98
16 (6) 00-4500 SPECTACLE JIM 10J (V,D,G) (J Scott) B Pearce 8-8-12 . G Gallagher 88

BETTING: 6-1 Astral Invader, 7-1 Scathebury, 8-1 Pharaoh's Joy, Bon Secret, Sir Tasker, 10-1 Nellie North, Summerville Wood, 12-1 others.

1996: DEEPLY VALE 5-9-11 A Lakeman (11-2 fav) G L Moore 16 ran

#### FORM FOCUS

VAX NEW WAY neck 2nd of 19 to Saddlehome in handicap at Newcastle (6f, good to firm) Oct 96. ASTRAL INVADER beat Broughtons Turmoil 1¾l in 12-runner seller at Leicester (7f, good to firm) with SUMMERVILLE WOOD (6lb worse off) neck 3rd. SCATHEBURY 2¾l 3rd of 16 to Sharp'n Smart in handicap here (7f, good). VELVET JONES 2¾l 3rd of 21 to Crested Knight in claiming handicap at Goodwood (1m, good to firm) Sep 96. RIVER SEINE head 2nd of 10 to Lift Boy in apprentice handicap at Lingfield (7f, AW) with ASTRAL INVADER (8lb worse off) about 4½l 8th. MISTER RAIDER about 3¼l 5th of 13 to Napoleon Star in handicap at Warwick (5f, good to firm).
Selection: ASTRAL INVADER

### 2.30 CHATHAM CLAIMING STAKES
(3-Y-O: £2,277: 5f) (10 runners)

1 (8) 005405- VILLAGE PUB 124 (B) (A Richards) K Cunningham-Brown 9-3 . M Roberts 80
2 (7) 3100-0 LEVELLED 19 (D,G) (Maygain Ltd) M Channon 9-1 . P P Murphy (5) 84
3 (9) 000-6 LITTLESTONE ROCKET 15 (J Bailey) W Muir 8-13 . J Reid 88
4 (5) 00-0400 SUITE FACTORS 15 (D,F) (N Shields) K Burke 8-13 . R Perham 87
5 (3) 443401- SUPER SAINT 131 (G) (D Sepulchre) A Vanderhaeghen (Bel) 8-13 M Servranckx 85
6 (2) 654-500 HEVER GOLF STORMER 24 (Hever Racing Club I) T Naughton 8-7 Paul Eddery 81
7 (1) 4-24630 HEAVENLY MISS 12 (B,D,F,G) (T Mitchell) J Bridger 8-6 . A Daly (5) ■
8 (6) 000-30 COLLEGE PRINCESS 33 (College Farm Thoroughbreds) C Dwyer 8-0 J Quinn 97
9 (10) 00-0 JUKEBOX JIVE 15 (North End Partnership) C Dwyer 8-0 . A McCarthy (7) 87
10 (4) 044-440 WHIZZ KID 47 (D,F) (J Bridger) J Bridger 8-0 . R Mullen (5) 91

BETTING: 7-2 Levelled, 4-1 Village Pub, 5-1 Heavenly Miss, Super Saint, 7-1 Suite Factors, 8-1 Littlestone Rocket, 10-1 College Princess, 12-1 others.

1996: LADY CAROLINE LAMB 8-10 T Quinn (8-13 fav) M Channon 5 ran

#### FORM FOCUS

LITTLESTONE ROCKET about 6l 6th of 11 to Wee Dram in auction maiden here (6f, good) with JUKEBOX LIVE (8lb better off) 3l 7th. SUPER SAINT 1l 4th to Gipsy Princess in handicap at Catterick (7f, good to firm) Sep 96. HEVER GOLF STORMER about 8l 5th of 9 to Countless Times in handicap at Lingfield (6f, AW). HEAVENLY MISS about 3l 3rd of 13 to Yorbe Georgs in handicap at Newbury (6f, soft) with LEVELLED (6lb worse off) 10l 9th. Oct 96 COLLEGE PRINCESS 2¾l 3rd of 7 to Chilling in selling handicap at Wolverhampton (5f, AW).
Selection: HEAVENLY MISS

### 3.00 GRAVESEND HANDICAP
(£2,888: 1m 7f 92yd) (7 runners)

1 (1) 340360- HANBITOOH 27J (F Cotton) Mrs A Perrett 4-9-10 . J Reid 90
2 (7) 003430- COH SHO NO 100 (H Ness) S Dow 4-9-1 . T Quinn 91
3 (5) 5-30121 SOOJAMA 42 (B,CD,F,G) (M Rogers) R Flower 7-9-0 . M Roberts 97
4 (4) 0-010 STONECUTTER 73 (V,D,BF,G) (Petteconal Pters) M Channon 4-8-13 R Perham 95
5 (3) 000000- EWAR BOLD 26J (B) (A Richards) K Cunningham-Brown 4-8-11 T Sprake ■
6 (6) 633402- GINKA 150 (Mrs M Bruce) J Mullins 6-7-13 . F Norton 92
7 (2) 6000-55 KIROV PROTEGE 37 (G) (R Dean) Mrs L Jewell 5-7-10 Darren Williams (7) 88

Long handicap: Kirov Protege 7-4

BETTING: 7-4 Soojama, 3-1 Hanbitooh, 5-1 Ginka, 6-1 Coh Sho No, 7-1 Stonecutter, 8-1 Ewar Bold, 25-1 Kirov Protege

1996: TOY PRINCESS 4-10-0 K Darley (16-1) C Brittain 16 ran

#### FORM FOCUS

HANBITOOH 4¾l 3rd of 9 to Domitia in handicap at Beverley (1m 2f, good to firm) May 96. COH SHO NO 9l 3rd of 10 to Wottashambles in handicap at Lingfield (2m, AW) on penultimate start. SOOJAMA beat High Five 1l in handicap at Lingfield (2m, AW). STONECUTTER beat Royal Citizen 1¾l in claimer at Wolverhampton (1m 7f, AW). EWAR BOLD 14l 10th of 16 to Lucy Tufty in selling handicap here (1m 4f, soft) on penultimate start. GINKA ¾l 2nd of 11 to No More Hassle in claiming handicap here (2m 110yd, soft) Nov 96.
Selection: SOOJAMA

### 3.30 GILLINGHAM LIMITED STAKES (£2,277: 5f) (7 runners)

1 (6) 251430 IVORY'S GRAB HIRE 6 (B,D,F,G) (D Ivory) K Ivory 4-9-3 . Martin Dwyer (3) 78
2 (4) 00200-2 BEAU VENTURE 2 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs A Stacey) B Palling 9-8-11 . T Sprake ■
3 (3) 5242/13- HEVER GOLF STAR 392 (D,F,G) (Hever Racing Club) T Naughton 5-8-11 Paul Eddery 98
4 (2) 030530- MYASHA 132 (D,F,G,S) (C Fulgoni) A Vanderhaeghen (Bel) 8-8-11 M Servranckx 70
5 (1) 060600- VILLAGE NATIVE 262 (C,F) (A Richards) K Cunningham-Brown 4-8-11 M Roberts 88
6 (7) 33000-0 POLLY GOLIGHTLY 10 (B,D,F,G) (D Sykes) M Blanshard 4-8-8 . J Quinn 90
7 (5) 35406-0 SONGSHEET 36 (D,G) (M Saunders) M Saunders 4-8-8 . R Perham 92

BETTING: 11-4 Hever Golf Star, 4-1 Myasha, 9-2 Ivory's Grab Hire, 5-1 Beau Venture, Village Native, 8-1 Polly Golightly, 14-1 Songsheet.

1996: FRIENDLY BRAVE 6-9-0 A Whelan (11-4 fav) Miss G Kelleway 7 ran

#### FORM FOCUS

IVORY'S GRAB HIRE 2l 3rd of 7 to Lord Sky in handicap at Lingfield (5f, AW). BEAU VENTURE 4l 2nd of 22 to Marandi in handicap at Nottingham (6f, good to firm). HEVER GOLF STAR beat Spender short-head in 6-runner handicap at Lingfield (5f, AW). MYASHA about 4l 3rd of 9 to Bakio in claimer at Longchamp (5f, soft) Oct 96. VILLAGE NATIVE about 4¾l 6th of 15 to Soaking in handicap at Kempton (7f, good to firm) July 96. POLLY GOLIGHTLY 7l 7th of 13 to Napoleon Star in handicap at Warwick (5f, good to firm).
Selection: BEAU VENTURE

### 4.00 DARTFORD MAIDEN STAKES (£3,805: 1m 4f) (9 runners)

1 (6) LEATHERNECK (Mrs B Sheiks) P Mooney 4-9-12 . P McCabe (3) –
2 (8) URGENT REPLY (S Aitken) C Dwyer 4-9-12 . J D Smith (3) –
3 (1) VICTOR BLUM (R Del Rosario) C Horgan 4-9-12 . M Fenton –
4 (5) 45230- PREMIER NIGHT 170 (D Churston) S Dow 4-9-7 . T Quinn 90
5 (4) 46- SULEIKA DANCER 117 (Mrs G Withers) S Knight 4-9-7 . G Faulkner (5) 74
6 (3) LAUREL SEEKER (G Harwood) Mrs A Perrett 3-8-6 . J Reid –
7 (7) 525-5 MARDI GRAS 12 (D Crowson) J Dunlop 3-8-6 . Pat Eddery ■
8 (2) 6 RARE TALENT 20 (A Merza) M Channon 3-8-6 . Paul Eddery 86
9 (9) 0- MYSTICAL ISLAND 303 (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 3-8-1 . D Biggs –

BETTING: 6-4 Mardi Gras, 5-2 Premier Night, 6-1 Rare Talent, 10-1 Mystical Island, 12-1 Victor Blum, Laurel Seeker, 14-1 others.

1996: SHARAF 3-8-7 K Darley (15-8 fav) J Dunlop 14 ran

#### FORM FOCUS

PREMIER NIGHT 2l and neck 3rd of 7 to Poddington in maiden at Lingfield (1m 1f, good to firm) on penultimate start. SULEIKA DANCER 17¾l 4th of 7 to Petoskin in claimer at Wolverhampton (AW, 1m 7f) on penultimate start. MARDI GRAS about 8¾l 5th of 7 to Mister Pink in handicap at Haydock (1m 2f 140yd, soft). RARE TALENT 9¾l 6th of 8 to Mithak in maiden at Doncaster (1m 2f 60yd, good to firm). MYSTICAL ISLAND 41l 10th of 11 to Green Jewel in auction maiden at Salisbury (6f, good).
Selection: MARDI GRAS (nap)

### 4.30 PRIVY COUNCILLOR MAIDEN STAKES
(3-Y-O: £3,869: 6f 189yd) (6 runners)

1 (4) 5-4 BUBBLY 14 (Lord Swaythling) J Dunlop 9-0 . Pat Eddery ■
2 (1) 0-0 MIJARA BAY 15 (P Idris) G Lewis 9-0 . J Dennis (7) –
3 (3) PURPLE MAZE (The Ex-Shipmates Pinrs) J Akehurst 9-0 . M Tebbutt –
4 (6) 00- WINGS OF A PRAYER 163 (Thurloe Thoroughbreds) W Jarvis 9-0 . J Reid 91
5 (5) 60 ALAGNA 33 (W de Rurer) S Williams 8-9 . Darren Williams (7) –
6 (2) 5- E SHARP 320 (Cheveley Park Stud) W Haggas 8-9 . R Cochrane 61

BETTING: 11-10 Bubbly, 9-4 E Sharp, 7-1 Mijara Bay, 8-1 Wings Of A Prayer, 14-1 Purple Maze, 16-1 Alagna.

1996: AERLEON JANE 8-9 A McGlone (7-4 fav) J Gosden 12 ran

#### FORM FOCUS

BUBBLY 4l 4th of 8 to Sir Talbot in maiden at Leicester (1m, good to firm). MIJARA BAY 28l last of 11 to Wee Dram in auction maiden here (6f, good). WINGS OF A PRAYER 14l 10th of 12 to Refuse To Lose in auction maiden at Leicester (6f, good). ALAGNA 17l 7th of 9 to Cynan in maiden at Wolverhampton (AW, 1m 100yd). E SHARP about 5¾l 5th of 6 to Molly Drummond in maiden at Haydock (5f, good to soft).
Selection: BUBBLY

### 5.00 BOLLINGER CHAMPAGNE CHALLENGE SERIES HANDICAP
(Amateurs: £3,148: 1m 1f 149yd) (13 runners)

1 (5) 000200- LALINDI 152 (F,G,S) (C Ranson) A Stewart 6-12-0 . C Ranson (4) 94
2 (1) 30110-6 BATAAN 31 (G) (Ecurie de La Source) A Vanderhaeghen (Bel) 6-11-10 V Luicaniuk (4) –
3 (13) 200-183 CLASSY CHIEF 56 (G) (K Sturgis) J White 4-11-10 . J Crowley (4) 96
4 (6) 12-4510 MONTONE 51 (C,F,G,S) (B Shirazi) J Jenkins 7-11-9 . M Mannish 96
5 (10) 230-016 ROMAN REEL 17 (D,F,G) (K Higson) G L Moore 6-11-8 . I Mongan (4) 98
6 (3) 464532- ALLSTARS EXPRESS 47J (D,F) (Horse Is For Sale Pinrs) K Bailey 4-11-7 R Wakley 92
7 (7) 00-1404 FRESH FRUIT DAILY 26 (G) (K Hudson) P Kelleway 5-11-7 . M Spillane (4) 89
8 (4) 122301- ARCADY 136 (F,G) (J Henderson) J L Harris 4-11-6 . J Henderson (4) 90
9 (11) 461111 SOLDIER COVE 14 (G,S) (Ladyswood Racing Club) M Meade 7-10-4 C Bonner ■
10 (9) 021004- DAUPHIN 160 (G) (Mrs R Brown) W Musson 4-9-12 . T McCarthy 95
11 (12) 0-6465 NAILS TAILS 51 (M Kentish) S Dow 4-9-8 . J Goldstein (4) 98
12 (8) 000/00/ FRIAR'S OAK 783 (T Moody) P Butler 5-9-7 . O McPhail (4) –
13 (2) P000-00 SUSSEX GORSE 28 (T Kenward) J Long 6-9-7 . T Waters (4) –

Long handicap: Friar's Oak 9-6, Sussex Gorse 8-1

BETTING: 9-4 Soldier Cove, 6-1 Montone, Roman Reel, 7-1 Lalindi, 8-1 Classy Chief, Allstars Express, Arcady, 10-1 others.

*1996: SCOTTISH BAMBI 8-10-10 P Scott (5-1) P Webber 14 ran*

#### FORM FOCUS

CLASSY CHIEF 8l 3rd of 8 to Hattaafeh in amateurs handicap at Lingfield (AW, 1m 5f). ROMAN REEL beat Dream Carrier 4l in 10-runner amateurs handicap at Lingfield (AW, 1m) on penultimate start. ALLSTARS EXPRESS head 2nd of 12 to Arzani in amateurs handicap at Lingfield (AW, 1m 2f) with MONTONE (5lb better off) 2¾l 4th. ARCADY beat Miss Prism short-head in 13-runner handicap at Wolverhampton (AW, 1m 7f). SOLDIER COVE beat Running Green ½l in 13-runner selling handicap at Musselburgh (1m, soft). DAUPHIN 1¾l 4th of 21 to Whispering Dawn in apprentices handicap at Newmarket (1m 1f, good).
Selection: MONTONE

#### COURSE SPECIALISTS

| TRAINERS | Wins | Rnrs | % | JOCKEYS | Winners | Rides | % |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| J Dunlop | 15 | 40 | 37.5 | Pat Eddery | 8 | 32 | 25.0 |
| S Williams | 7 | 22 | 31.8 | Paul Eddery | 16 | 88 | 18.2 |
| W Jarvis | 6 | 20 | 30.0 | T Sprake | 10 | 55 | 18.2 |
| C Horgan | 6 | 22 | 27.3 | T Quinn | 15 | 108 | 13.9 |
| J Payne | 5 | 21 | 23.8 | F Norton | 4 | 38 | 10.5 |
| W Haggas | 4 | 18 | 22.2 | J Reid | 8 | 79 | 10.1 |

☐ **Bold Words produced a game performance at Ripon yesterday to prevent John Gosden from securing his fourth successive victory in the Galphay Conditions Stakes. Gosden's Handsome Ridge, the 2-1 on favourite, mounted a persistent challenge, but Bold Words, ridden by Kieren Fallon, kept on determinedly to win by a neck.**

## RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S THREE MEETINGS

### Ripon

Going: good to firm

2.10 (5f) 1, Out Like Magic (J F Egan, 5-2 fav); 2, Happy Days (20-1); 3, Quiz Master (10-1). 14 ran. ¾l, 1¼l. P Evans. Tote £3.20; £1.70, £5.70, £3.00. DF £71.80. Trio £231.50. CSF £63.42.

2.40 (1m 4l 60yd) 1, Pendolino (G Bardwell, 6-1); 2, Totally Yours (9-1); 3, Petoskin (14-1); 4, Open Affair (14-1). Watch Me Go 4-1 fav. 20 ran. Hd, sh hd. M Brittain. Tote £7.40; £1.70, £2.10, £3.50, £8.30. DF £38.60. Trio £203.40. CSF £61.49. Tricast £726.30.

3.10 (6f) 1, French Grit (A Clark, 10-1); 2, Kira (2-1 fav); 3, Mareamia (11-2); 4, Bollin Harry (12-1). 18 ran. 1½l, 1l. M Dods. Tote £15.00; £2.60, £1.30, £1.70, £2.70. DF £20.20. Trio £39.70. CSF £28.75. Tricast £129.85.

3.40 (1m 1f) 1, Bold Words (K Fallon, 8-1); 2, Handsome Ridge (1-2 fav); 3, Iechyd-Da (14-1). 8 ran. Nk, 6l. E Dunlop. Tote £10.30; £2.00, £1.10, £1.90. DF £4.40. CSF £12.05.

4.10 (1m 4l 60yd) 1, Summerhill Special (K Darley, 10-1); 2, Shercy (25-1); 3, Maltun (8-1). Galapino 6-4 fav. 14 ran. NR Augustan. 3½l, ¾l. D Barker. Tote £10.20; £2.30, £5.80, £3.70. DF £65.00. Trio £166.50. CSF £237.21. Tricast £1,960.74.

4.40 (1m) 1, Green Card (W Ryan, 2-1 fav); 2, Crystal Gold (11-1); 3, Burning Truth (3-1). 16 ran. NR Makati, Woodbeck. 4l, ¾l. S Woods. Tote £2.90; £1.90, £3.50, £1.70. DF £26.60. Trio £33.60. CSF £22.97.

5.10 (1m 2f) 1, Ibn St James (D Holland, 8-1); 2, Kingdom Emperor (9-1); 3, Chaluz (14-1). Castles Burning 11-8 fav. 11 ran. NR Epic Stand, Imperial Or Metric. Hd, 6l. J Bethell. Tote £10.50; £2.70, £5.60, £2.70. DF £195.70. Trio £132.90. CSF £74.46. Tricast £921.00.

Jackpot: £27,215.60 (0.50 winning tickets; pool of £19,165.94 carried forward to Hamilton today).

Placepot: £102.80.

Quadpot: £15.50.

### Chepstow

Going: firm

2.00 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, Kinnescash (M A Fitzgerald, 6-4); 2, Break The Rules (Evens fav); 3, Arm Bleu (13-2). 9 ran. 2l, 13l. P Bowen. Tote £2.60; £2.10, £1.00, £3.00. DF £1.60. Trio £2.10. CSF £3.07.

2.30 (2m 3f 110yd ch) 1, Jhal Frezi (A Thornton, 7-2); 2, Full Shilling (100-30); 3, Mozemo (9-4 fav). 7 ran. 8l, 29l. A Barrow. Tote £6.00; £1.60, £1.90. DF £5.70. CSF £13.82.

3.00 (2m 4f 110yd hdle) 1, El Don (K Gaule, 5-2); 2, Glengarni Girl (6-5 fav); 3, Ross Dancer (4-1). 4 ran. 6l, 8l. M Ryan. Tote £2.90. DF: £2.30. CSF: £5.60.

3.30 (3m ch) 1, Black Church (D O'Sullivan, 6-4 fav); 2, Danger Baby (7-4); 3, Elite Governor (11-2). 4 ran. 2l, dist. R Rowe. Tote: £1.90. DF £1.60. CSF £4.30.

4.00 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, Sheecky (S Ryan, 12-1); 2, Thorne Arena (10-11 fav); 3, Quaker Waltz (5-1). 10 ran. NR: Brecon. 1l, 9l. B McMahon. Tote £13.30; £2.50, £1.30, £1.20. DF £11.40. Trio £14.60. CSF £24.16.

4.30 (3m ch) 1, Some-Toy (Miss L Blackford, 5-1); 2, Rusty Bridge (5-2 fav); 3, Gambling Royal (4-1). 8 ran. 4l, 22l. J Squire. Tote £9.10; £2.70, £2.20. DF: £9.20. CSF: £16.43.

5.00 (2m 110yd flat race) 1, Diamond Hall (A P McCoy, 100-30); 2, Musalsal (50-1); 3, Shimmy Dancing (5-1). Dinky Dora 2-1 fav. 12 ran. 6l, 6l. K Burke. Tote £3.40; £1.70, £14.40, £2.00. DF: £147.90. Trio: £200.70. CSF £153.31.

Placepot: £49.90. Quadpot: £21.20.

### Ludlow

Going: good to firm, firm in places

2.20 (2m hdle) 1, Kaizari (Mr A Wintle, 12-1); 2, Captain Tandy (12-1); 3, Against The Clock (20-1). Fenian Court 3-1 jt-fav. 13 ran. 1½l, ½l. A Carroll. Tote £15.30; £3.90, £3.50, £3.20. DF £60.40. Trio £217.90. CSF: £129.89. Tricast £2,605.54. No bid.

2.50 (2m 4f ch) 1, Imperial Vintage (N Williamson, 10-11 fav); 2, Raba Riba (2-1); 3, Fenwick (4-1). 4 ran. 13l, dist. Miss V Williams. Tote £1.70. DF £2.40. CSF £2.94.

3.20 (2m 5f 110yd hdle) 1, Piper's Rock (A Bates, 3-1 fav); 2, Kymin (4-1); 3, Salty (16-1). 11 ran. 4l, 6l. G Balding. Tote £3.60; £2.10, £2.40, £5.30. DF: £9.60. Trio £43.80. CSF £13.08. Tricast £143.94.

3.50 (2m ch) 1, Inch Emperor (T J Murphy, 13-8 fav); 2, Snowy Petrel (2-1); 3, Tenayestelign (4-1). 6 ran. NR: Gavry. Hd, 8l. A Carroll. Tote £2.20; £1.40, £1.90. DF: £2.30. CSF: £4.51.

4.20 (2m 5f 110yd hdle) 1, Sulawesi (Mr J Goldstein, 3-1); 2, First Crack (5-2 fav); 3, Moobakkr (100-30). 8 ran. 2½l, nk. N Twiston-Davies. Tote £3.70; £2.40, £1.80. DF £2.80. CSF £9.61.

4.50 (3m ch) 1, My Nominee (Mr R Burton, 11-4); 2, Cape Cottage (9-1); 3, Fox Pointer (7-4 fav). 6 ran. NR: Thornhill. Hd, 12l. D Nichols. Tote £3.90; £1.90, £2.40. DF £17.00. CSF £22.30.

5.20 (2m hdle) 1, Percy Braithwaite (Mr J Goldstein, 7-2); 2, Name Of Our Father (2-1 jt-fav); 3, Lucky Archer (2-1 jt-fav). 7 ran. 3½l, 3½l. Miss P Whittle. Tote £4.70; £2.40, £2.20. DF: £3.30. CSF £9.27.

P[illegible] £289.00. Quadpot: £13.50.

SQUASH

# Marshall guides Halifax to final

By Colin McQuillan

POTTERS Bar will defend their SRA National League championship against Queens Halifax on April 21 after consolidating their two-leg semi-final against Chichester to a 6-4 winning result in Hampshire late on Tuesday night.

With Sue Wright, the British national champion, reversing her surprise first-leg defeat by Linda Charman, the Chichester fifth-string, the match hung on the deciding first-string rubber between John Ransome and Nathan Dugan, which went to Potters Bar when Dugan, the England No 22, retired injured.

Queens Halifax also came through 6-4 on aggregate against Broxbourne, this time with the middle-order providing the winning edge on their home courts, while David Campion found the steadily-improving Peter Marshall just too much to handle at first-string.

Campion had expertly exploited the match rustiness of the double-handed former world No 2 when they met in the early part of Marshall's comeback from chronic fatigue syndrome in the first leg. However, Marshall spent last week at the British Open championships in Cardiff sparring with old opponents after losing to Brett Martin, the No 8 seed from Australia, in the first round and that extra exposure to match-play took the 25-year-old a pace beyond Campion's elegant style on Tuesday.

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With Marcus Berrett pulling back from 1-2 down against Rodney Durbach, the tough South African playing at second-string for Broxbourne, and Lee Beachill, the British junior champion, joining Adam Toes in repeating their first-leg control of Julian Wellings and Stuart Cowie, the Yorkshire side safely absorbed Marshall's improvement and the continued absence of Cassandra Jackman.

Jackman injured an ankle just before the women's international between England and Australia at the end of last month and also pulled out of the British Open, leaving the field clear for an all-Australian final in Cardiff between Michelle Martin and Sarah Fitz-Gerald. Only Wright challenged the two Australians last week in Cardiff and Halifax must hope that Jackman can mend and train in time to contest the women's string in the league final if they hope to take the title away from the combative Potters Bar squad.

EQUESTRIANISM

# Windsor has best intention

By Jenny MacArthur

THE Royal Windsor Horse Show, which is to host the British Nations Cup for the first time next month, will cost £1 million to put on and will be, in the words of Michael Bullen, the chairman, "the biggest and best horse show in the world".

In marked contrast to Hickstead's ailing fortunes, Windsor is enjoying a new lease of life. Three leading new sponsors, Hildon, Land Rover and Samsung, have joined Harrods and Beneficial, more than £200,000 has been invested in improving the facilities, including the provision of two extra rings, and, for the first time, an outside contractor is being employed to look after the ground in the arenas.

The acquisition of the Nations Cup, which Windsor was asked to stage only two weeks ago after the cancellation of Hickstead's Nations Cup meeting, could not have been more timely.

Windsor had already decided to bring back international showjumping, for the first time for 24 years, and the Nations Cup, which will take place on Sunday, May 18, should help to attract leading riders and horses. Germany, France, Holland, Great Britain, Ireland and Belgium are expected to compete.

Other events at the show include international carriage driving, dressage, showing and, for the first time, a country fair. More than 3,000 entries have been received.

# Newest sporting bible salutes King James's version

The week before a marathon is always tough. If you are planning to run one it is, alas, too late to get in that last-minute training. Perhaps the best thing you can do is put your feet up, boil up some tea and read a good, long, well-researched book about sport.

They don't come any better researched, or any longer, than the *Encylopaedia of World Sport, from Ancient Times to The Present*, just published in Britain in three volumes. It is certainly this week's entry for the book most likely to take your mind off the Flora London Marathon. It might even suggest a few events that are a lot less painful and demanding.

This encyclopaedia reckons it is the most comprehensive, historical and cross-cultural survey of sport published. It is an impressive and heavyweight work, compiled with the help of a vast team of sports scholars and experts from all over the world.

It gives fascinatingly detailed coverage of almost 300 sports, which include all the mainstream and traditional activities and some that you will probably never have heard of. How about trying your hand at Cudgeling, Buzkashi, Camogie or even Maori Darts? All the rules are here, along with a description of how the games evolved and are played. And if you do not fancy any of those, then you are probably a natural for the "Good Woman Contest", a traditional Native American trial of speed and skill.

> 'Cudgeling, Buzkashi and Maori Darts'

Modestly, for a book that gives such in-depth information on so many sports, the *Encylopaedia of World Sports* accords the honour of "the most influential sports book ever written" to a simple nine-page booklet issued in 1618.

That was when King James I published *The King's Book of Sports* that declared that it would be legal to play certain games and sports on a Sunday after church. The king's declaration was read aloud in every church in the land (later it was ordered by Parliament to be publicly burned), and it sparked a fierce debate that raged for more than three centuries about whether sport should be allowed on a Sunday.

This weekend we will see sport from the FA Cup semi-finals to the London Marathon dominating our Sunday, so maybe *The King's Book of Sports* really did start sport's greatest revolution.

Priced at $125, for the three volumes, the *Encyclopaedia of World Sport*, edited by David Levinson and Karen Christensen and published in Britain by ABC-CLIO, Oxford, is not going to knock *Fever Pitch* off the bestseller list, but it is a vast source of information on almost any sporting topic you could wish to explore.

Take the shadow of the Irish question in sport, which at the weekend led to the IRA bid to wreck the Grand National. Dive into volume II and you find the issue has been around for a long time.

At the 1908 Olympics in London, there was much tension between Britain and the United States over Irish nationalism because there were hardly any Irishmen in the "Great Britain and Ireland" team, while the United States squad was full of them.

Matters came to a head in the marathon where the leader, Dorando Pietri, collapsed and was helped across the finish line. The race was awarded to the second finisher, John Hayes, an Irish-American. This was not a popular result with the London crowd and special prizes were awarded to Pietri, who became far more famous than his conqueror.

This latest encylopaedia comes out of America and places great emphasis on political correctness. Its editors reckon that the traditional view of sport is far too Western and masculine, so here, along with all the mainstream sports, there are entries on Animal Rights and Ethnicity. Right after the entry on Gambling, comes a chapter on Gay Games. Women's Sport and Worker Sport are well documented. You can roam through richly researched sections on Native American Competitions and Traditional Sports from Oceania. Where else could you learn of an Australian aboriginal version of football in which the ball is traditionally made out of the scrotum of a kangaroo?

And anyone who thinks that the roots of modern-day competitive sport lay exclusively in Ancient Greece, is firmly put in his or her place by scholarly sections on the history and traditions of Native African and Native American sport. Native people in the northern parts of North America, reports the encyclopaedia, have created their own traditional competitions. Events includes the one and two-foot High Kick, the Muskox Push, the Indian Blanket Toss and the Mouth Pull. These events were originally only done by males, although in these gender balanced times, female participants may also compete.

Female participants, the editors explain, originally had their own event — the Good Woman Contest. This sport includes various activities performed by women, such as tea boiling, fire making, wood chopping, bannock making, seal and muskrat skinning and traditional sewing.

> 'Muskox Push and Indian Blanket Toss'

And, of course, in the politically correct Nineties, it is reported that these days men, too, can take part in the Good Woman Contest ... Get me an entry form, please. It has to be easier than the marathon.

JOHN BRYANT

## ATHLETICS

# American turns his back on $1m windfall

BY DAVID POWELL, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

JERRY LAWSON wears nine earrings and studs, a ponytail, a goatee beard and, as he flew into Gatwick yesterday, he announced that he will colour his hair blond or white for the Flora London Marathon on Sunday. Yet, if he runs a quick time, this flamboyant, chatty, good-humoured, Irish-American might suddenly go very quiet.

Lawson is passing up the chance of $1 million by declining to race in the Boston Marathon on Monday week when, even by the most generous estimate, he cannot make much more than a quarter of that in London. A million dollars to run under 2hr 8min 47sec in Boston, but only $150,000 to run two minutes quicker in London — how?

The kit sponsor, New Balance, is offering $1 million to the first athlete to break the unofficial United States men's marathon record of 2hr 8min 47sec, set by Bob Kempainen in Boston in 1994, but it must be achieved in the United States, in one of 56 specified marathons. Lawson, who shares the official United States record of 2hr 10min 4sec, could sneak inside 2hr 8min 47sec in London and his bonus would be only $15,000. After a loss like that, even the exuberant Lawson might be stunned into silence.

Even if Lawson beat the world record of 2hr 6min 50sec, his bonus from the London Marathon would be only $150,000. It is not fanciful to suggest that Lawson might have beaten Kempainen's mark in Boston, if conditions were favourable. When there is a following wind, Boston times come up much faster than London's, as happened when Kempainen ran 2hr 8min 47sec there. Boston is a point-to-point course, which precludes official United States records on it. Lawson's 2hr 10min 4sec counts because Chicago, where he set it last year when finishing runner-up to Paul Evans, satisfies criteria relating to course profile and proximity of start to finish, thereby falling into the category of loop-route rather than point-to-point.

"I briefly thought about jumping ship and going after the million dollars, but it was not where I want to be right now," Lawson, who had agreed to run in London before the incentive was announced, said. "I want to make each of my marathons progressively more prestigious or faster.

FLORA
LONDON MARATHON
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**Only in *The Times* next week: the complete list of London Marathon finishers**

"After Chicago, London is logically the next step, instead of going to Boston and getting caught with everything right out of the gun, like they do there." Boston's fast early miles are precipitated by the combination of downhill start and African influence. "I do not feel I am prepared as I would like to be to handle that yet," Lawson said. "I am trying to season myself before I take on a course and competition like that."

London tends to be more evenly paced and, for an athlete with a high drop-out rate, having completed only six of his nine marathons, Lawson's caution is understandable. "I still consider myself a baby as far as the marathon goes, so I am trying to take steps before I start hitting the ground full force," he said. He is thinking more of the millennium than the million. "I am planning by 2000 on getting down in the 2:07s. I am trying to make a progression, taking a minute off every year. If I run two marathons a year, that is 30 seconds a marathon, which is one second a mile, roughly."

Lawson moved from Florida to Texas recently. "The weather in Texas has been a mess, either cold or raining 75 per cent of the time I have been there, so it has been hard to train properly," he said.

Born Jerry Murphy, of Irish parents, Lawson was adopted at 18 months. When he is not training or changing hair-look — he has raced in luminous green and a mohawk cut — he is collecting and reading comics. *The Flash*, the story of the fastest man alive, is his favourite and one of his ear studs is a lightning bolt, the symbol of the main character.

Lawson has 2,000 comics in his collection and he has read every one. He is well stocked with second and third generation issues of *The Flash*, but not vintage collectors' copies. "The first generation stuff from the Forties is so expensive, I do not even bother," he said. The things you could do with a million dollars.

Lockhart, of Scotland, is disconsolate after his dismissal. Photograph: Mike Fiala

## CRICKET

# Old rivals fight for cup place

FROM A CORRESPONDENT IN KUALA LUMPUR

A 50-OVER match for third place in the ICC Trophy in Kuala Lumpur today will decide whether Ireland or Scotland join Kenya and Bangladesh as the ICC representatives at the 1999 World Cup in England.

Neither of the old foes, who first met in 1888, wanted to play each other for the last place, but what had seemed likely for a week was confirmed yesterday when Scotland lost the second semi-final to Bangladesh.

Jim Love, the Scotland coach, said: "The two teams are great pals off the field and we know what a disappointment it will be for whoever misses out. It would have been better if one of us had made the final, but Ireland couldn't quite get up against Kenya and we suspected Bangladesh had scored too many."

Scotland set off well in pursuit of the Bangladesh total of 243 for seven when play resumed yesterday at the Kilat Club, but a succession of unnecessary dismissals left too much to do in the latter stages and they were bowled out 72 runs short of their target in the 45th over.

Philip, the opener, stroked the first ball to the boundary and had his team level in comparison with Bangladesh after ten overs. The introduction of spin slowed the momentum and after Philip had been stumped for 37, Lockhart and Blain, promoted to push the pace, guided lofted drives into the hands of long-on and long-off respectively.

Salmond, the captain, briefly got the innings back on track, but when he was out stumped Scotland's top five had all given themselves up unnecessarily. Williamson played a series of flowing drives on his way to 39 not out, but it was not enough. Mohammad Rafique had figures of four for 25.

# Atherton to retain leadership

BY ALAN LEE
CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

MICHAEL ATHERTON was summoned to London yesterday for talks with the chairman of the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB), Lord MacLaurin of Knebworth, and Tim Lamb, the chief executive. The meeting was evidently a precursor to his reappointment as England captain for the forthcoming Ashes series.

Atherton, who is set to break Peter May's longevity record as captain at Lord's in June, can expect his retention to be formalised early next week, when David Graveney, the new chairman of selectors, returns from holiday. All that remains to be settled is whether Atherton will continue as a member of the selection panel.

The gathering yesterday, meanwhile, was seen partly as a debriefing for the events of the winter and more particularly as a chance for the hierarchy of the board to discuss with Atherton the way ahead in terms of the much-discussed image and presentation of the England team.

Lord MacLaurin, who on Tuesday announced record profits for his retail company, Tesco, is now seeking similar results for the England team and promises to be the most influential board chairman for years. Both he and Lamb have been publicly critical of aspects of England's conduct during the winter.

Atherton has enjoyed a rest since the tour, attending functions for his benefit year and, on Saturday, being among the thousands stranded at Aintree by the sabotage of the Grand National.

Next week, however, he will be reunited with his England colleagues at a seminar planned by David Lloyd, the coach. It will last for three days and cover many facets of the responsibilities faced by members of a national team.

## FOR THE RECORD

### ATHLETICS

CAPE TOWN: Engen grand prix series (selected results): Men: 100m: 1, F Fredericks (Nam) 10.25sec; 2, B Lewis (US) 10.46; 3, R Clay (US) 10.55. 400m: 1, I Thomas (GB) 45.31; 2, A Malherbe (SA) 46.14; 3, B Jamieson (US) 46.75. High jump: 1 equal, S Smith (GB) and B Reilly (GB) 2.20m; 3, G Schaffers (SA) 2.15. Javelin: 1, J Zelezny (Cz) 91.34m; 2, J Vosloo (SA) 73.76; 3, J van Eck (SA) 71.78. Women: 1,500m: 1, K Holmes (GB) 4min 03.41sec.

### BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Anaheim 10 New York Yankees 9 (in 12inns). Boston 13 Oakland 7; Seattle 14 Cleveland 8.

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Florida 5 Chicago Cubs 3; Atlanta 4 Houston 2; St Louis 2 Montreal 1; New York Mets 5 Los Angeles 3; Pittsburgh 2 San Diego 0; Philadelphia 2 San Francisco 1.

### BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Toronto 100 Washington 94; Miami 94 New Jersey 92; Cleveland 93 New York 73; Dallas 87 Portland 82; Orlando 97 Milwaukee 82; San Antonio 96 Denver 90; Phoenix 115 Minnesota 107; Los Angeles Lakers 109 Golden State 85; Houston 127 Los Angeles Clippers 117; Sacramento 109 Vancouver 93.

### BOWLS

MELTON MOWBRAY: All England men's indoor championships: Triples: Quarter-finals: Bentham bt Teignbridge 20-18, South Forrest bt Towerlands 20-11; Desborough Maidenhead bt Folkestone 21-13; Kingsthorpe bt Blackpool Borough 15-14. Semi-finals: Bentham bt South Forrest 17-16; Kingsthorpe bt Desborough Maidenhead 21-16. Final: Bentham bt Kingsthorpe 19-16. Pairs: First round: Clarne Dunbar (R Francis, G Shadwell) bt Gallow (T Howell, R Mason) 23-22; York (T and I Boyle) bt Barking (D Farr, N Smith) 21-15; Blackpool Borough (S Arey, N Burrows) bt City of Ely (M Entwistle, I McWhinney) 23-14; Mid Suffolk (I and G Clouting) bt City of Birmingham (R Wootton, J Badham) 25-13, Swindon Westlecot (G Hatherall, S Warren) bt Egham (M Thornton, W Manley) 18-16; Tynedale (K Hooker, K Henderson) bt Sunderland (R Bewick, J Lambert) 22-17; Watford (R Ayres, M Yelland) bt Royal Tunbridge Wells (D Hanmore, J Dunn) 26-17; Barwell (A Burford, P Meeson) bt Paddington (G Smyth, S Halmai) 18-17.

### BOXING

BETHNAL GREEN: British middleweight championship (vacant, 12rnds): D Starie (Bury St Edmunds) bt S Storey (Belfast) rsc 7th. Southern Area bantamweight championship (vacant, 10rnds): V Feeney (Sligo) bt F Ampofo (Bethnal Green) pts. Southern Area light-middleweight championship (vacant, 10rnds): S Roberts (West Ham) bt G Jackson (Battersea) pts. Super-feather (8rnds): J Juuko (Uga) bt R Mingalaev (Ukr) rsc 2nd. Middle (4rnds): J Ratcliff (Romford) bt A Ewen (Ipswich) rsc 4th; P Pannayiotou (Cyp) bt A Gray (Great Yarmouth) pts; E Giordano (Islington) bt J Hooks (Nottingham) pts; J Ratcliff (Romford) bt A Ewen (Ipswich) rsc 4th.

### CRICKET

#### Fourth Test match

#### West Indies v India

*ANTIGUA (final day of five): West Indies drew with India*

WEST INDIES: First Innings

| | |
|---|---|
| S L Campbell run out | 10 |
| S C Williams c Tendulkar b Kuruvilla | 0 |
| S Chanderpaul c Laxman b Kumble | 24 |
| B C Lara c Mongia b Prasad | 103 |
| C L Hooper c Azharuddin b Joshi | 26 |
| R I C Holder c Mongia b Kumble | 56 |
| †C O Browne not out | 39 |
| I R Bishop c Dravid b Joshi | 17 |
| C E L Ambrose c Mongia b Kuruvilla | 22 |
| C A Walsh c Dravid b Joshi | 21 |
| F A Rose absent ill | 0 |
| Extras (b 1, lb 5, nb 9) | 15 |
| Total | 333 |

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-32, 3-40, 4-82, 5-224, 6-230, 7-252, 8-295, 9-333.

BOWLING: Prasad 24-4-65-1; Kuruvilla 24-1-69-2; Kumble 38-14-93-2; Joshi 23-4-7-76-3; Ganguly 3-0-24-0.

INDIA: First Innings

| | |
|---|---|
| A D Jadeja run out | 96 |
| V V S Laxman c Browne b Walsh | 56 |
| R S Dravid not out | 37 |
| S Joshi not out | 10 |
| Extras (lb 3, nb 10) | 13 |
| Total (2 wkts) | 212 |

*S R Tendulkar, S C Ganguly, M Azharuddin, †N R Mongia, A R Kumble, A Kuruvilla and B K V Prasad did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-97, 2-198.

BOWLING: Ambrose 9-1-26-0; Bishop 16-3-47-0; Walsh 15-3-37-1; Hooper 15-4-40-0; Chanderpaul 3-0-7-0.

Umpires: S A Bucknor (West Indies) and B C Cooray (Sri Lanka).

#### One-day international match

#### South Africa v Australia

*JOHANNESBURG (Australia won toss): Australia beat South Africa by eight runs*

AUSTRALIA

| | |
|---|---|
| G S Blewett c Richardson b Cronje | 36 |
| M J Di Venuto lbw b Donald | 89 |
| S G Law c Crookes b Cronje | 10 |
| J N Gillespie c Gibbs b Donald | 26 |
| S R Waugh b Bryson | 20 |
| M G Bevan c Cullinan b Donald | 32 |
| A C Gilchrist b Pollock | 26 |
| *†I A Healy not out | 3 |
| S K Warne not out | 6 |
| Extras (b 1, lb 6, w 1, nb 2) | 10 |
| Total (7 wkts, 50 overs) | 258 |

A J Bichel and A C Dale did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-93, 2-109, 3-160, 4-167, 5-202, 6-244, 7-248.

BOWLING: Pollock 10-1-48-1; Bryson 9-0-47-1; Donald 10-0-67-3; Kallis 1-0-10-0; Cronje 10-1-42-2; Crookes 10-0-37-0.

SOUTH AFRICA

| | |
|---|---|
| A M Bacher c S R Waugh b Bichel | 6 |
| H H Gibbs lbw b Dale | 22 |
| D N Crookes run out | 0 |
| D J Cullinan b Blewett | 53 |
| J H Kallis c S R Waugh b Gillespie | 55 |
| J N Rhodes c Law b Gillespie | 10 |
| *W J Cronje not out | 40 |
| S M Pollock c Law b Warne | 40 |
| †D J Richardson b Bichel | 8 |
| R E Bryson not out | 4 |
| Extras (lb 6, w 4, nb 2) | 12 |
| Total (8 wkts, 50 overs) | 250 |

A A Donald did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-27, 2-31, 3-31, 4-132, 5-149, 6-154, 7-154, 8-227.

BOWLING: Dale 10-1-40-1; Bichel 10-0-55-2; Warne 10-0-45-1; Gillespie 10-0-46-2; Bevan 3-0-22-0; Blewett 7-0-36-1.

Umpires: D F Becker and S B Lambson

#### Sharjah Cup

#### Pakistan v Zimbabwe

*SHARJAH (Pakistan won toss): Pakistan beat Zimbabwe by 32 runs*

PAKISTAN

| | |
|---|---|
| Inzamam-ul Haq run out | 14 |
| Sajid Ali b Matambanadzo | 4 |
| Ijaz Ahmed c A R Whittall b Brandes | 19 |
| Salim Malik c A Flower b Brandes | 0 |
| Mohammad Wasim lbw b Streak | 3 |
| *Wasim Akram c Strang b Matambanadzo | 1 |
| †Moin Khan c A R Whittall b Streak | 61 |
| Shahid Afridi b Streak | 5 |
| Saqlain Mushtaq c G W Flower b Streak | 20 |
| Mushtaq Ahmed not out | 5 |
| Waqar Younis not out | 8 |
| Extras (b 1, lb 6, w 4) | 11 |
| Total (9 wkts, 50 overs) | 151 |

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8, 2-34, 3-34, 4-40, 5-41, 6-43, 7-51, 8-128, 9-140.

BOWLING: Brandes 10-4-39-2; Matambanadzo 8-0-27-2; Streak 10-2-18-4, Strang 10-0-32-0; G J Whittall 8-1-18-0; A R Whittall 4-1-10-0.

ZIMBABWE

| | |
|---|---|
| C B Wishart b Waqar | 5 |
| G W Flower c Ijaz b Waqar | 1 |
| †A Flower b Mushtaq | 28 |
| P A Strang b Saqlain | 26 |
| *A D R Campbell b Saqlain | 0 |
| G J Whittall c Moin b Mushtaq Ahmed | 0 |
| D P Viljoen run out | 25 |
| H H Streak lbw b Waqar | 20 |
| E A Brandes st Moin b Mushtaq Ahmed | 0 |
| A R Whittall c Wasim Akram b Mushtaq Ahmed | 0 |
| E Matambanadzo not out | 5 |
| Extras (lb 5, w 4) | 9 |
| Total (40.1 overs) | 119 |

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-5, 2-14, 3-57, 4-57, 5-68, 6-76, 7-94, 8-94, 9-94.

BOWLING: Wasim Akram 7-1-11-0; Waqar Younis 5.1-2-14-3; Saqlain Mushtaq 9-1-37-2; Shahid Afridi 9-1-25-0; Mushtaq Ahmed 10-0-27-4.

Man of the match: Moin Khan.

Umpires: C J Mitchley (South Africa) and D B Cowie (New Zealand).

#### ICC Trophy Semi-final

#### Bangladesh v Scotland

*KUALA LUMPUR (Scotland won toss): Bangladesh beat Scotland by 72 runs*

BANGLADESH

| | |
|---|---|
| Athar Ali Khan c Davies b Beven | 5 |
| Naimur Rohman run out | 26 |
| †Khaled Mashud st Davies b Beven | 70 |
| Aminul Islam b Blain | 57 |
| *Akram Khan c Kennedy b Blain | 4 |
| Saiful Islam b Gourlay | 15 |
| Minhajul Abedin not out | 39 |
| Mohammad Rafique c Lockie b Gourley | 16 |
| Khaled Mahmud not out | 0 |
| Extras (b 3, lb 3, w 4, nb 1) | 11 |
| Total (7 wkts, 50 overs) | 243 |

Hasibul Hussain and Enamul Hoque did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-12, 2-51, 3-166, 4-168, 5-172, 6-211, 7-233.

BOWLING: Blain 10-0-49-2; Beven 10-2-29-2; Gourlay 7-0-62-2; Kennedy 10-3-24-0; Williamson 8-0-43-0; Sheridan 5-0-30-0.

SCOTLAND

| | |
|---|---|
| I L Philip st Khaled Mashud b Naimur | 37 |
| B G Lockie run out | 0 |
| D R Lockhart c Athar b Enamul | 19 |
| I R Beven c Saiful b Enamul | 5 |
| *G Salmond st Khaled Mashud b Enamul | 24 |
| J G Williamson not out | 39 |
| S Gourlay c and b Mohammad | 4 |
| †A G Davies b Mohammad | 12 |
| S R Kennedy c Minhajul b Mohammad | 3 |
| J A R Blain run out | 4 |
| K L P Sheridan c Aminul b Mohammad | 2 |
| Extras (b 1, lb 7, w 14) | 22 |
| Total (44.5 overs) | 171 |

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-30, 2-62, 3-73, 4-80, 5-111, 6-123, 7-154, 8-162, 9-169.

BOWLING: Saiful Islam 7-0-21-0; Hasibul Hussain 2-0-10-0; Khaled Mohammed 6-1-18-0; Naimur Rahman 9-1-30-1; Enamul Hoque 10-0-31-3; Mohammad Rafique 6.5-0-25-4; Minhajul Abedin 2-0-10-0; Akram Khan 3-0-17-0.

Man of the match: Khaled Mashud.

Umpires: N T Plews (England) and S Venkataraghavan (India).

## TODAY'S FIXTURES

### FOOTBALL

*Kick-off 7.30 unless stated*

European Cup Winners' Cup
Semi-finals, first leg
Barcelona v Fiorentina (8.30)
Paris Saint-Germain v Liverpool (7.45)

DR MARTENS LEAGUE: Premier division: Salisbury v Sudbury Town.

ICIS LEAGUE: Second division: Banstead v Wembley; Dorking v Leatherhead; Egham v Ware.

UNIBOND LEAGUE: First division: Farsley Celtic v Leigh. Unifilla first division Cup: Final, first leg: Stocksbridge PS v Ashton United.

PONTIN'S LEAGUE: Premier division: Tranmere v Stoke (7.0).

ENDSLEIGH MIDLAND COMBINATION: Premier division: West Midland Fire Service v King's Heath.

JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Felixstowe P and T v Walton.

WINSTONLEAD KENT LEAGUE: First division: Deal v Chatham.

FA YOUTH CUP: Semi-final, first leg: Crystal Palace v Blackburn.

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Victory shield under-15 international: Scotland v Northern Ireland (at Stirling FC, 7.15). Lester Finch Trophy: South London v Bexley (at Dulwich, 4.30)

### RUGBY LEAGUE

ALLIANCE CHAMPIONSHIP: Bradford v Wigan, Castleford v Warrington, Hull v Oldham; Salford v Featherstone. Cup: Final: Warrington v Wigan.

### OTHER SPORT

BOWLS: Men's British championships (at Melton Mowbray).

SPEEDWAY: Star Cup: Ipswich v Poole (7.30); Premier League Knockout Cup: Sheffield v Glasgow (7.45).

SWIMMING: European Championship trials (at Sheffield)

### CYCLING

TOUR OF BASQUE COUNTRY: Second stage (209km, Legazpia to Viana): 1, L Jalabert (Fr) 6hr 5min 38sec; 2, A Bartolin (It); 3, J L Rubiera (Sp); 4, V Djavanian (Russ); 5, S Heulot (Fr); 6, C Chiappucci (It). Leading overall positions: 1, Heulot 9hr 21min 11sec; 2, Jalabert; 3, F Casagrande (It); 4, C Chiappucci (It); 5, G Missaglia (It); 6, L Dufaux (Switz) all same time.

### ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Pittsburgh 3 Boston 1; Tampa Bay 2 New Jersey 2 (OT); Detroit 3 Calgary 2 (OT).

### RUGBY LEAGUE

FIRST DIVISION: Hull Kingston Rovers 0 Huddersfield Giants 21

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Huddersfield | 7 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 236 | 74 | 14 |
| Hull | 7 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 205 | 67 | 13 |
| Whitehaven | 7 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 128 | 150 | 7 |
| Wakefield | 6 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 110 | 136 | 7 |
| Hull KR | 7 | 3 | 0 | 4 | 136 | 133 | 6 |
| Keighley | 5 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 88 | 97 | 4 |
| Workington | 6 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 104 | 120 | 4 |
| Widnes | 5 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 78 | 132 | 4 |
| Dewsbury | 6 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 84 | 145 | 4 |
| Featherstone | 6 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 101 | 125 | 3 |
| Swinton | 6 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 72 | 163 | 2 |

### RUGBY UNION

COURAGE CLUBS CHAMPIONSHIP: First division: Gloucester 32 Leicester 30.

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Wasps | 18 | 14 | 1 | 3 | 553 | 344 | 29 |
| Leicester | 17 | 13 | 0 | 4 | 519 | 272 | 26 |
| Bath | 17 | 11 | 1 | 5 | 592 | 324 | 23 |
| Sale | 16 | 10 | 1 | 5 | 440 | 325 | 21 |
| Harlequins | 16 | 10 | 0 | 6 | 591 | 329 | 20 |
| Gloucester | 17 | 10 | 0 | 7 | 385 | 394 | 20 |
| Saracens | 15 | 9 | 1 | 5 | 387 | 288 | 19 |
| Northampton | 17 | 8 | 0 | 9 | 371 | 350 | 16 |
| Bristol | 17 | 6 | 0 | 11 | 332 | 494 | 12 |
| London Irish | 15 | 3 | 0 | 12 | 333 | 520 | 6 |
| W Hartlepool | 19 | 3 | 0 | 16 | 330 | 685 | 6 |
| Orrell | 18 | 2 | 0 | 16 | 239 | 747 | 4 |

PRESTON: Under-18 international match: England 55 Scotland 18.

NICE: Women's European championship: Semi-finals: France 10 England 15; Scotland 11 Spain 10. Final: England 24 Scotland 8.

### SQUASH

SRA NATIONAL LEAGUE: Semi-finals, second leg: Philips Windows Chichester 2 Mitsubishi Electric Potters Bar 3 (Chichester names first: N Dugan lost to J Ransome 1-9, 9-4, 9-2, 3-9, 3-1 ret; P Genever bt J Davis 10-8, 9-7, 9-2; L Drew bt P Carter 9-6, 9-6, 4-9, 9-4; M Greenslade lost to I Higgins 1-9, 2-9, 2-9; L Charman lost to S Wright 6-9, 5-9, 9-6, 2-9. Potters Bar win 5-4 on agg). Denham Wing Queens Halifax 3 Broxbourne 2 (Halifax names first: D Campion lost to P Marshall 9-6, 5-9, 3-9, 3-9; M Borrett bt R Durbach 6-9, 9-6, 6-9, 9-6, 9-5; L Beachill bt J Wellings 9-4, 9-3, 9-5; A Toes bt S Cowie 9-3, 9-1, 9-1; A Wray lost to J Martin 1-9, 7-9, 3-9. Queens Halifax win 6-4 on agg).

### TENNIS

ESTORIL: Men's tournament: First round: A Berasategui (Sp) bt C Costa (Sp) 3-6, 6-2, 6-2; H Arazi (Mor) bt B Mota (Por) 6-4, 5-7, 6-2; F Santoro (Fr) bt K Kucera (Slovakia) 2-6, 7-6, 6-2; C Ruud (Nor) bt K Alami (Mor) 6-3, 6-1; N Marques (Por) bt A Lopez Moron (Sp) 7-5, 6-2; C Moyá (Sp) bt J Diaz (Sp) 6-4, 1-6, 7-5; G Kuerten (Br) bt F Meligeni (Br) 6-4, 6-2; J Sánchez (Sp) bt B Fragoso (Por) 6-2, 6-2; A Corretja (Sp) bt H Gumy (Arg) 6-2, 6-3; G Schaller (Austria) bt Y Kafelnikov (Russ) 6-2, 6-0.

HONG KONG: Men's tournament: First round: T Woodbridge (Aus) bt S Matsuoka (Japan) 6-1, 6-4; D Prinosil (Ger) bt J Eagle (Aus) 6-2, 6-2; J Tarango (US) bt A Cherkasov (Russ) 3-6, 7-6, 6-0; J Grabb (US) bt M Joyce (US) 3-6, 6-3, 7-5; D Sapsford (GB) bt D Flach (US) 6-7, 6-2, 6-0; B MacPhie (US) bt C Chang (US) 6-0, 6-4; C Arriens (Ger) bt A Olhovskiy (Russ) 7-5, 6-7, 6-2; M Chang (US) bt M Tong (HK) 6-0, 6-1; T Johansson (Swe) bt S Simian (Fr) 4-6, 6-2, 6-4; P Rafter (Aus) bt M Woodforde (Aus) 2-6, 7-6, 6-4; G Raoux (Fr) bt D Nestor (Can) 7-6, 7-6; N Godwin (SA) bt M Damm (Cz) 6-4, 6-3; S Lareau (Can) bt D Skoch (Cz) 6-4, 6-0.

MADRAS: Men's tournament: First round: O Ogorodov (Uzb) bt J-P Fleurian (Fr) 6-4, 6-1; M Chiricheri (It) bt L Jonsson (Swe) 6-0, 4-6, 4-1 ret; M Washington (US) bt O Stanoychev (Bul) 7-5, 6-7, 6-3; G Etlis (Arg) bt L Paes (India) 6-1, 6-2; R Jabali (Br) bt G Solves (Fr) 6-3, 6-1; R Krajicek (Holl) bt T Nydahl (Swe) 6-4, 6-4; P Cash (Aus) bt M Bhupathi (India) 6-1, 6-3.

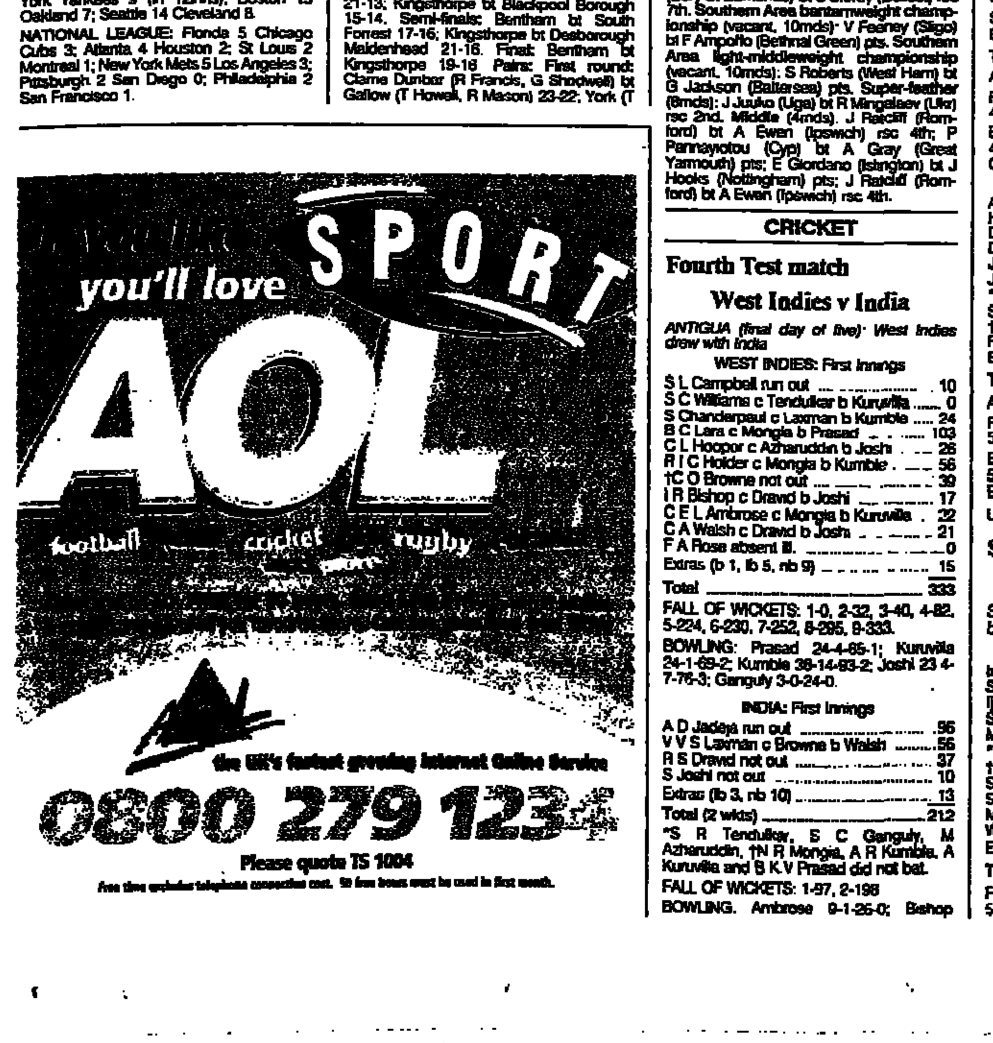
AMELIA ISLAND, Florida: Women's tournament: First round: B Schultz-McCarthy (Holl) bt A Gersi (Cz) 6-1, 6-1; A Fusai (Fr) bt L Neiland (Lat) 6-2, 7-6; J Kandarr (Ger) bt C Torrens (Sp) 6-3, 6-2; V Williams (US) bt J Watanabe (US) 1-6, 6-4, 6-1; M J Fernandez (US) bt S Pitkowski (Fr) 6-3, 6-0; M Pierce (Fr) bt E Wagner (Ger) 6-0, 6-1; E Likhovtseva (Russ) bt T Whitlinger Jones (US) 2-6, 6-4, 6-1; A Montolio (Sp) bt E Gagliardi (Switz) 2-6, 6-4, 7-6. Second round: A Huber (Ger) bt R Zrubakova (Slovakia) 6-2, 6-2; A Sánchez Vicario (Sp) bt F Labat (Arg) 3-6, 6-2, 6-3; C Martinez (Sp) bt J Kruger (SA) 6-3, 6-1; L Davenport (US) bt Shi-Ting Wang (Taiwan) 6-2, 6-0.

### POOLS DIVIDENDS

LITTLEWOODS: Treble chance: 24pts £59,895.10, 23 £400.45, 22 £28.35, 21 £6.55. Four draws £4.45. Ten homes £693.00. Five aways £85.60.

VERNONS: Treble chance: 24pts £23,845.15, 23 £208.40, 22 £29.30. Super shots £199.00. Premier 10 (paid on 8 correct) £313.00.

ZETTERS: Treble chance: 24pts £14,338.20, 23 £57.85, 22 £5.00, 21 £0.70. Four draws £8.00. Eight homes £26.20. Four aways £14.00. Lucky numbers 11 10 37 2 27 8.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BOXING

# Tyson's eye injury wreaks havoc with Lewis bout

By Srikumar Sen, boxing correspondent

THE postponement of the fight between Evander Holyfield and Mike Tyson in Las Vegas, because of an eye injury suffered by Tyson in training, has rebounded on the plans of Lennox Lewis.

The World Boxing Council champion had hoped to defend his title against Henry Akinwande in Britain on July 5. Now the date will not only have to be changed but the bout may have to be moved to the United States.

The Lewis-Akinwande contest was all set to be staged in Britain the day before the Wimbledon men's singles final. A deal was on the point of being signed between Don King, Akinwande's promoter, and Panix, the London promotion company behind Lewis, when the news of the Holyfield-Tyson bout broke.

Panix has now had to think again about the advisability of holding the British bout so close to the American one, which has been postponed from May 3 to June 28. Panos Eliades, the head of Panix, explained that, as he could not be certain of getting Sky viewers to subscribe to pay-per-view for two bouts only a week apart, he had not only to find a new date for the Lewis bout but also to cut down Akinwande's purse, which was a substantial one.

However, Eliades believes he can secure a new deal with King. He hopes to bring the British bout forward to June 14 but it may have to go to Atlantic City in New Jersey. Eliades says the fact that Lewis must get 75 per cent of the purse gives him a stronger hand when dealing with King.

"After the Tyson-Holyfield postponement, it was all up in the air as far as Lennox's fight was concerned," Eliades said. "If I had to choose between the two fights, I know which one I would choose and it wouldn't be Lennox's fight. As a result I have had to cut down the very good money I was giving Akinwande [believed to be around $4 million]. Also, June 14 could be better for us because the 14-day gap between the two fights is better than a week."

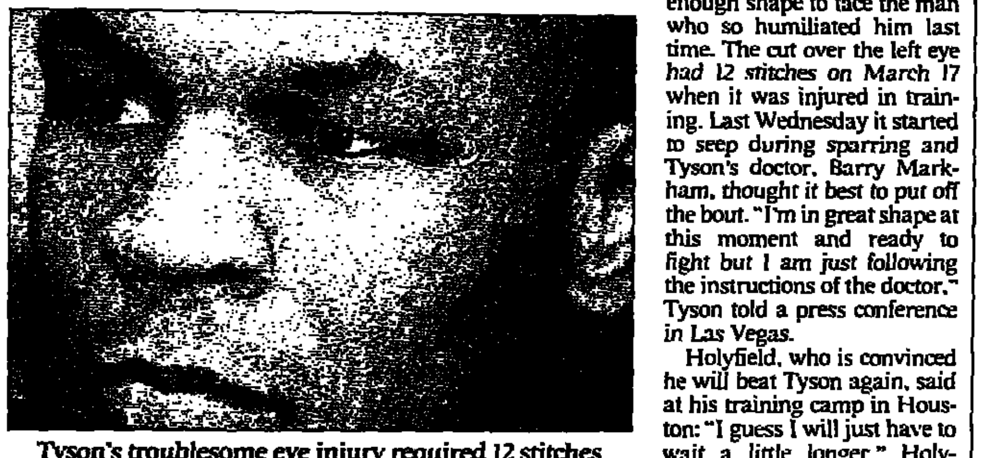
Eliades added that, because the major share of the purse money must come to Lewis, he was in a better position than King to win the right to stage the show. By entering into a private arrangement with Lewis, who is also his business partner, Eliades would pay considerably less than the 75 per cent he is entitled to. A big saving could help him trump King's move.

The sums do not add up in favour of King, who will have to pay a prohibitive $10 million and more to secure the promotion if the bout went to purse bids. It would be better for King to do a deal with Eliades than go to purse offers, which would have to be made public.

Tyson needs all of the 11 weeks to get his eye into good enough shape to face the man who so humiliated him last time. The cut over the left eye had 12 stitches on March 17 when it was injured in training. Last Wednesday it started to seep during sparring and Tyson's doctor, Barry Markham, thought it best to put off the bout. "I'm in great shape at this moment and ready to fight but I am just following the instructions of the doctor," Tyson told a press conference in Las Vegas.

Holyfield, who is convinced he will beat Tyson again, said at his training camp in Houston: "I guess I will just have to wait a little longer." Holyfield's attorney, Jim Thomas, said: "He's a remarkable human being, who accepts things the way they are better than anyone I've ever known. It is not going to deter him from beating Tyson again. He will just have to do it a little later."

This is the third time a Tyson bout has had to be postponed because of his illness or injury since he came out of prison. In 1995, he called off a contest with Buster Mathis because of an injured thumb and last July bronchitis caused him to postpone a fight with Bruce Seldon.



Tyson's troublesome eye injury required 12 stitches

## Starie to meet Francis

IF DAVID Starie, the Bury St Edmunds super-middleweight, still hopes to win a Lonsdale belt outright in record time, he will have to do it the hard way (Srikumar Sen writes). He will have to face his arch-rival, Dean Francis, of Basingstoke, within 90 days.

After Starie lifted the British title by stopping Sam Storey, of Belfast, on Tuesday, his manager, Frank Maloney, was hoping to match him with Mark Delaney, of West Ham, but the British Boxing Board of Control ruled that that bout could not take place before the one with Francis.

Chris Sanigar, the manager of Francis, said: "Let's get the fight on in a month's time. My man is the best super-middleweight in Britain and what Dean Francis wants is to eliminate every super-middleweight and what's better than to start with Starie and finish with Steve Collins?"

Palmer, driven by a renewed enthusiasm, discusses strategy with his coach, Turner, during a break in training. Photograph: David Howells

# Palmer reaches the turn refreshed

**Craig Lord** on the change of heart that has taken a disillusioned Olympic silver medal-winner to Sheffield to seek Great Britain selection once more

Paul Palmer, Olympic silver medal-winner over 400 metres freestyle, will race in Sheffield today for a place in the Great Britain swimming team at the European championships in Seville in August.

Twelve weeks ago he nearly left the sport, doubts and disillusionment dictating an about-turn at Heathrow; instead of boarding a flight that would take him to a national team training camp in Australia and reunite him with Ian Turner, his coach, he went home to Lincoln instead.

The anguish of that moment is evident in the explanation of the 22-year-old national freestyle champion as he works through his thoughts like a down-and-out sifting through a bin. He had been skiing, he was tired, worried, the plane was delayed, he would only be in Australia eight days — excuses, excuses . . .

"OK, yeah," Palmer conceded. "When I saw the delay, I half-thought, oh good, I might get out of it. It was a rocky time after the Games. I was at my lowest ever. I hadn't been working hard. I kept thinking I don't want to go out there [Australia] to face another stripping-down from Ian. I was disillusioned. There had been no improvement in my finances — Atlanta had all come to nothing in a way. I just thought 'why bother'."

A furious Turner wondered the same. He had bothered to take a six-month sabbatical from his job as a teacher to help Palmer before Atlanta and now found himself coaching seven swimmers, none his own, in Australia. "I think he hadn't perhaps got the rest, the break he needed out of his system. But I was livid. When I got home, I said my piece and then walked away," Turner said.

That a change can be as good as a rest would appear to be borne out by a switch for both swimmer and coach from the small pool at Lincoln, which Palmer protested about in Atlanta, to the new Olympic pool at the University of Bath.

Turner was appointed at Bath last autumn, but the turning-point for Palmer has come in the past four weeks with the opening of the new 50-metre stainless steel pool. Turner described his charge as being at his "most positive since July 23 [silver-medal day] — he's talking swimming again. He's excited by it".

Palmer confirmed: "Bath has worked wonders. The pool's not open to everyone at the moment and there's a real training camp feel to the place. I love it. I feel like a proper swimmer for the first time." And that means pain, the hurt of moving to a tank in which you have to swim twice as far for your arms to feel the momentary relief of the turn.

The gain should be seen in Seville, but not in Sheffield. For now, Turner will be happy with selection over the next four days of trials at Ponds Forge. What neither he nor Palmer are happy with is the programme. He must race the 200 metres freestyle, in which he was an Olympic finalist, on the same day as the 1,500 metres freestyle, an event in which Britain has three world-class men, Graeme Smith, of Stockport, winner of the bronze medal in Atlanta, leading Palmer and Ian Wilson, of Leeds.

"We all agreed that the trials should mirror the big event," Turner said. "It's ridiculous. It's scandalous. It looks as if someone on some programming committee is either incompetent or manipulative." Palmer, facing 4,200 metres of racing in three days, asked: "Wouldn't you have thought that someone would have asked me about the programme?"

His gripe is also financial. Beyond the £2,500 a year that Palmer gets from the Sports Aid Foundation and the £400 allowance that comes in Sports Council grants and helps to pay rent, food and travel, Palmer still dreams of the kind of sponsorship that would relieve him of his worries.

He will not get it from the Amateur Swimming Federation of Great Britain, which has told swimmers that it cannot afford to fund them until National Lottery money flows in. The Amateur Swimming Association (ASA) has since informed English swimmers that it will fund them this month, a welcome but bewildering development given that the federation is dominated by the ASA, which dictates that the federation secretary and treasurer are the same men who run English swimming, namely David Sparkes and Alan Clarkson.

**SAILING:** GROUP 4 GETS THE BETTER OF CONCERT IN RACE TO CAPE TOWN

# Golding masters Southern Ocean

By Edward Gorman
Sailing correspondent

MIKE GOLDING and his drilled and determined team on *Group 4* wanted to win every leg of the BT Global Challenge. Golding was pipped at the finish of the short third leg, but yesterday again showed his mastery of the boats and the Southern Ocean to be first into Cape Town.

Golding survived a cat-and-mouse game with Chris Tibbs's *Concert*, which had kept both crews on their toes for the past five days, and slipped across the finish in the early hours of yesterday morning. *Concert*, which was dismasted in the second leg, came in just 20 minutes later after 6,200 miles of racing, followed by Simon Walker, on *Toshiba Wave Warrior*, a further four hours back.

This has been the hardest leg of the race in terms of the punishment both crews and yachts have been subjected to since the restart in Sydney on March 2. The south Indian Ocean served up an unremitting series of gales and three huge storms, two of which were particularly frightening and vicious, with winds up to 70 knots and difficult and dangerous seas. Most yachts, including Golding's, suffered damage — *Pause To Remember* broke her boom — and the list of injuries to crew got ever longer.

When Golding set off from Sydney, Walker and Andy Hindley, on *Save The Children*, were virtually tied in overall second place, about 18 hours behind him. This presented Golding with the difficulty of trying to cover them both. However, Hindley was still at sea yesterday and was expected to finish sometime today, dropping him out of the overall picture with a total deficit behind Golding of around two days.

Walker, meanwhile, is now alone in second place, about 22 hours behind Golding, who can be expected to keep a very close eye on the talented young former crew volunteer for the remainder of the race. Although there are still two long legs to come, to Boston and then Southampton, and the lottery of the Doldrums, it is hard to see Golding losing his grip on proceedings. As the celebrations got underway in the shadow of Table Mountain, Alex Sizer, 21, a student from Surrey and one of Golding's hard-working crew, reflected on the arduous voyage from Australia. "It was pretty dreadful," she said, "but I'd go back there — I really would. It was really tough, but I know I can do it. The worst part was being physically uncomfortable, being cold and wet almost all the time."

In London yesterday, Pete Goss became only the sixth recipient of the Royal Ocean Racing Club Seamanship Trophy since its donation to the club in 1981. This was in recognition of his "exceptional seamanship in taking *Aqua Quorum* to the rescue of Raphael Dinelli in the Southern Ocean".

Presenting the trophy at a lunch at the club, Terry Robinson, its commodore, said: "It is doubtful that the club, with all its history and tradition, has had equal cause to honour a yachtsman of exceptional note." Since his spectacular finish to the Vendée Globe just over two weeks ago, Goss has been on a non-stop marathon of media interviews. However, he is already planning his next venture, which is believed to be an entry in The Race in the year 2000.

BT Global Challenge

RESULT: 1, Group 4 37days 07hr 05min 05sec (arrived 01:35:05GMT yesterday). 2. 2. Concert 37:23:25.36. 3, Toshiba Wave Warrior 38:03:11 30. 4, Commercial Union 41 miles from Cape Town; 5, Motorola 67. 6. Save The Children 116. 7, 3Com 171. 8. Global Teamwork 172; 9. Ocean Rover 247. 10, Time & Tide 318; 11. Nuclear Electric 378; 12, Courtaulds International 483. 13. Heath Insured II 531. 14. Pause To Remember 563

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BOWLS

# Allcock elevated by reversal of fortune

RICHARD SHERGOLD and Andy Wills, who helped their renowned Bentham club colleague, Tony Allcock, to secure the triples title yesterday, said that winning their first national indoor championship was a dream come true (David Rhys Jones writes).

To Allcock, by contrast, his third indoor triples win must have seemed like waking up at the end of a nightmare. It was, he explained, his sixth national indoor final at Melton Mowbray, but the first that he has managed to win.

Allcock is too polite to criticise the green, but it is well-known that he has had his reservations since the championships moved there in 1989.

The final yesterday between Bentham and Kingsthorpe was a classic that kept spectators on the edge of their seats until the last bowl, when Mick Sharpe's delivery, meant to remove two opposition bowls for a match-winning treble, took out his own shot to give Bentham a 19-16 victory.

Andrew Manton and Ian Walker gave Sharpe good support, but Bentham scored a four on the fourteenth end to draw level at 14-14.

Kingsthorpe edged ahead again, but a treble enabled Bentham to take a two-shot lead into the last end and it was all in the balance until Sharpe's final misfortune.

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## SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan
Bridge correspondent

Brian Senior and I missed an almost lay-down grand slam on this hand, in the critical match between Armstrong and Calderwood in the 1996-97 Premier League.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| ♠ A K Q 6 | N | ♠ 10 5 |
| ♥ K 10 6 2 | W E | ♥ A Q 8 5 4 |
| ♦ K Q 8 | S | ♦ A 10 9 3 |
| ♣ A 8 | | ♣ 4 3 |

North was the dealer, and with no opposition bidding this was our sequence:

| W | E |
|---|---|
| Sheehan | Senior |
| — | Pass |
| 2 NT (1) | 3 D (2) |
| 3 S (3) | 4 H (4) |
| 4 NT (5) | 5 S (6) |
| 6 H (7) | Pass |

(1) 20-22 points.
(2) Showing at least five hearts — a transfer bid.
(3) With a 2 NT opening with no great support for hearts I would just bid Three Hearts. So to bid something else (known as "breaking the transfer") shows heart support. The standard tournament treatment is that to bid a new suit shows a "source of tricks" — K Q J x, A Q J x or A K Q x: to bid 3 NT shows a good heart fit, hoping to run the suit in 3 NT; and to bid Four Hearts shows good heart support but no particular side feature.
(4) In auctions of this type, Four Diamonds would be a "retransfer", still allowing the strong hand to play a heart contract. So any other bid is a cue-bid, and Four Hearts is used as a cue-bid in diamonds.
(5, 6) Five-ace Blackwood, and a response showing two aces and the queen of hearts.
(7) At this point I knew my partner had five hearts headed by the ace-queen, and the ace of diamonds; he could not have six hearts, as that would give him a sound opening bid. I could count 12 tricks: three in spades, five in hearts, three in diamonds and one in clubs. What were the possibilities of a thirteenth? First, my partner might have the jack of spades. Second, he might have four diamonds, in which case the thirteenth trick would be a diamond ruff in the West hand.

In practice I made the lazy bid of Six Hearts over Five Spades, and there we rested. But what I should have bid was Six Diamonds. I think that would indicate that we had no diamond losers, and so Senior would have realised that his fourth diamond would give the thirteenth trick in Seven Hearts. If I had got this right we would have gained 13 IMPs, enough to win the Premier League.

At the other table, after a similar start, Phil King bid 6 NT over Five Spades. That conveyed the point that he could count 12 tricks, but did not stress diamonds sufficiently.

In several other matches the hand was bid to Seven Hearts, in particular in those auctions starting with a strong One Club opener by West.

☐ *Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.*

## KEENE on CHESS

By Raymond Keene
Chess correspondent

### Kramnik leads

After six rounds of the elite tournament in Dos Hermanas, Spain, the young Russian grandmaster Vladimir Kramnik has edged ahead of the field. In the sixth round he won a complicated game against Judit Polgar.

Polgar, in previous encounters, has a wretched score against Kramnik. Here she decided to head for an immediate draw by employing the notoriously harmless exchange variation against the French Defence. Having made this decision, she switched to conducting a complicated middlegame in which successive sacrifices left her behind on material for no visible compensation.

Polgar's final chance to resist came on move 43, when she should have captured Black's pawn on e5 with her own pawn. After the move chosen, her entire position promptly collapsed.

SCORES (after sixth round): Kramnik 4½, Anand 4; Polgar and Gelfand 3½; Karpov and Topalov 3, Shirov, Salov and Short 2½, Illescas 1.

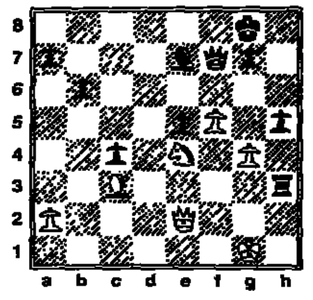
**White:** Judit Polgar
**Black:** Vladimir Kramnik
Dos Hermanas, April 1997

**French Defence**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | e4 | e6 |
| 2 | d4 | d5 |
| 3 | exd5 | exd5 |
| 4 | Nf3 | Nc6 |
| 5 | Bd3 | Bd6 |
| 6 | 0-0 | Nge7 |
| 7 | c4 | dxc4 |
| 8 | Bxc4 | 0-0 |
| 9 | h3 | Be6 |
| 10 | Bxe6 | fxe6 |
| 11 | Nc3 | Qe8 |
| 12 | Re1 | Qg6 |
| 13 | Re4 | Rae8 |
| 14 | Qe2 | Nd5 |
| 15 | Rg4 | Qf5 |
| 16 | Bh6 | Rf7 |
| 17 | Nh4 | Nxc3 |
| 18 | bxc3 | Qa5 |
| 19 | Bd2 | e5 |
| 20 | Nf3 | Ree7 |
| 21 | d5 | Qxd5 |
| 22 | c4 | Qc5 |
| 23 | Ng5 | Rf5 |
| 24 | Ne4 | Nd4 |
| 25 | Qd1 | Qc6 |
| 26 | c5 | Bxc5 |
| 27 | Rc1 | b6 |
| 28 | Qa6 | h5 |
| 29 | Rh4 | Qg6 |
| 30 | Qc4+ | Ref7 |
| 31 | Rc3 | Nf3+ |
| 32 | Rxf3 | Rxf3 |
| 33 | Be1 | Be7 |
| 34 | Nd2 | Bxh4 |
| 35 | Nxf3 | Bf6 |
| 36 | Nd2 | Kh7 |
| 37 | Ne4 | Rd7 |
| 38 | Bc3 | c5 |
| 39 | Qe2 | Kg8 |
| 40 | Qc4+ | Qf7 |
| 41 | Qe2 | c4 |
| 42 | f4 | Rd3 |
| 43 | f5 | Be7 |
| 44 | g4 | Rxh3 |

White resigns

**Diagram of final position**



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## WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

FEASANCE
a. Pheasant pens
b. Reluctance
c. Performance

GAZOON
a. A nautical ejaculation
b. A small baboon
c. A troop

GRAVEDO
a. A cold
b. A huge catapult
c. A hailstone

FAIENCE
a. Dolce far niente
b. Feudal duty
c. Glazed earthenware

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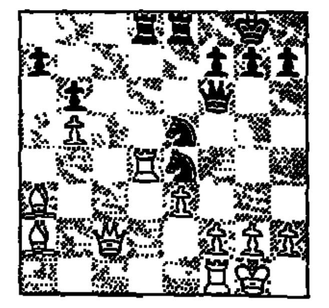
## WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

Black to play. This position is from the game Ljubinski — Baturinski, USSR 1945. This position sees an interesting battle between bishops and knights. Bishops are generally stronger in an open position, but here the black knights are well centralised. How did Black now make the most of this?



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**TENNIS**

# Kafelnikov makes swift departure in Portugal

By Our Sports Staff

YEVGENY KAFELNIKOV, of Russia, made a disappointing return from injury yesterday when he was beaten 6-2, 6-0 by Gilbert Schaller in the first round of the Estoril Open in Oeiras, Portugal, the first European tournament of the year on clay.

Kafelnikov, the French Open champion and the No 1 seed for this event, was playing his first match since breaking a finger in January and was overwhelmed by his Austrian opponent in less than an hour. "He didn't have any self-confidence," Schaller said of Kafelnikov, who is 79 places above him in the world rankings at No 4.

Also eliminated was the No 3 seed, Wayne Ferreira, who lost 6-3, 3-6, 6-4 to Francisco Cabello, of Argentina. Cabello, ranked No 470 in the world, overcame leg cramp and a 3-0 deficit in the third set to oust the South African.

Elsewhere, Carlos Moyá, the No 2 seed, advanced to the third round with a 6-2, 6-3 win over Richard Fromberg, of Australia, while his fellow Spaniard, Alex Corretja, cruised into the second round with a 6-2, 6-3 victory over Hernan Gumy, of Argentina. Marcelo Filippini, of Uruguay, recovered from a set down to beat Juan Albert Viloca, of Spain, 3-6, 7-6, 6-1.

Monica Seles has pulled out of the Women's Tennis Association tournament in Amelia Island, Florida, this week as she has bronchitis. The former world No 1 had been due to face Jennifer Capriati in the first round, but her place in the draw now goes to Oliva Diaz, of Argentina.

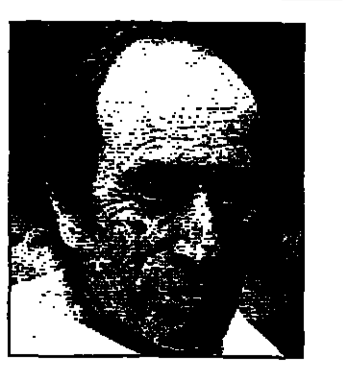
Seles, out of action for most of the season because of injury, narrowly lost to the new world No 1, Martina Hingis, of Switzerland, in a three-set final in Hilton Head on Sunday, only her second tournament after a four-month lay-off.

Jeremy Bates and Chris Bailey, of Britain, now both retired from the ATP Tour, are to team up to play in the Legends Tournament in Scotland next month. The event is to be staged alongside the women's World Doubles Cup at the Craiglockhart Tennis Centre in Edinburgh from May 21 to 24.

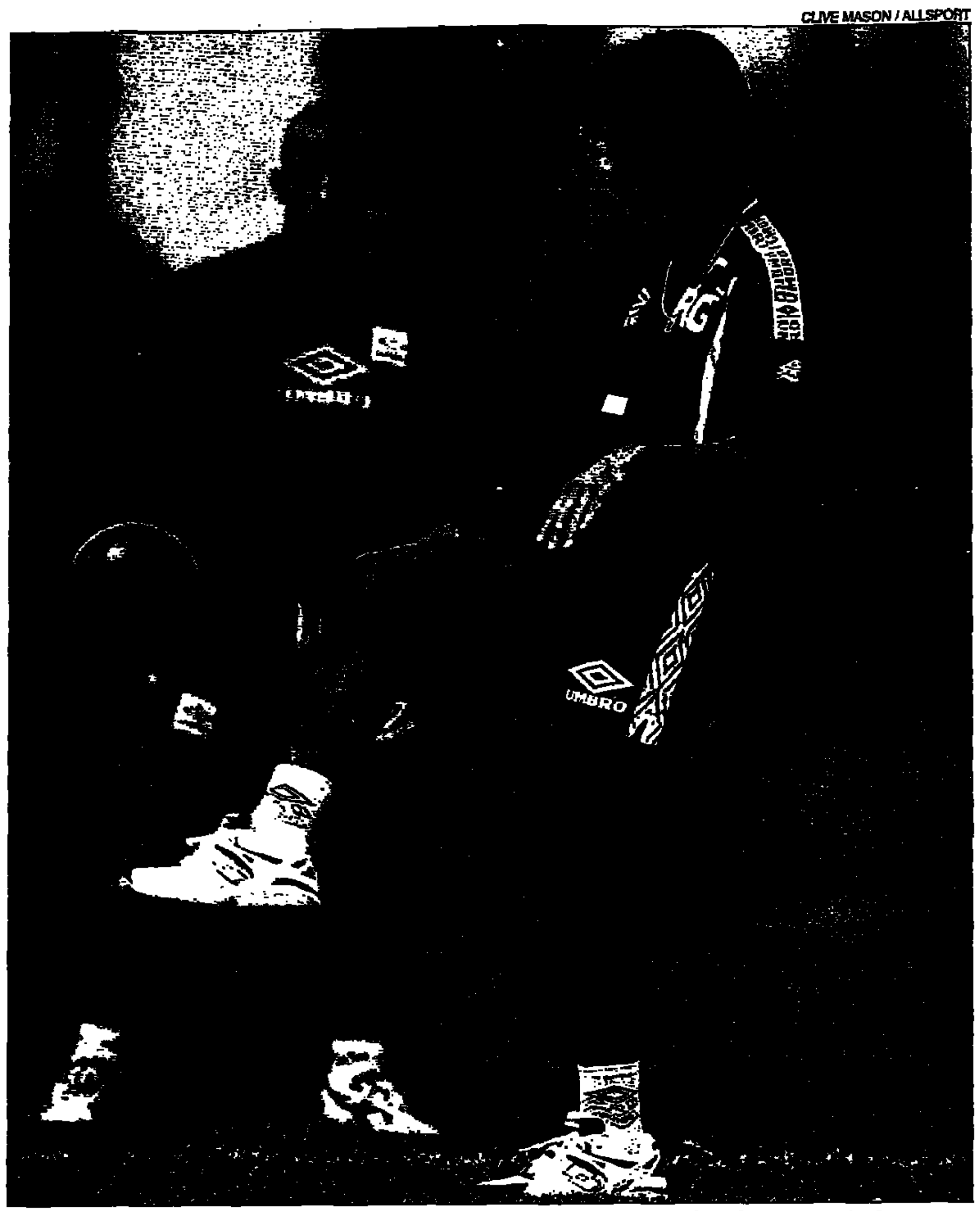
Bates, six times the British champion, is now the Lawn Tennis Association's manager of men's national training, while Bailey is a television commentator.

# Chelsea prepare for acrimonious parting

**BRIAN GLANVILLE**



## When relationships reach breaking point



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Gullit monopolises the ball in training as Vialli, as he has done so often this season, looks on

Ruud Gullit and Gianluca Vialli have probably reached the point of no return, after Chelsea's fiasco against Arsenal last Saturday. "This town," they might say, as is said in the Westerns, "ain't big enough for both of us." Gullit has been tactless, Vialli feels humiliated. As Italian stars do, he has given soft answers in England, but spoken grievous words on Italian television. But to call Gullit jealous of Vialli surely borders on absurdity.

In this respect, Fabio Capello, the former manager of AC Milan, now manager, for the moment, of Real Madrid, has been called in support. He had accused Gullit of "arrogance" when once he brought himself on in attack, rather than take Vialli off the bench, "when everyone knows Gullit's finished as a player. He didn't get anywhere near the ball".

The fact is that Gullit is very far from finished as a player. He remains, potentially, a majestic figure, though he himself has said repeatedly he would be quite happy to stop playing.

Remember, too, that Capello is not entirely an objective observer. Under his aegis at Milan, Gullit twice in a season left the club for Sampdoria, the second time after an unhappy stay when he no longer seemed *persona grata* in the dressing room.

It has been alleged that for every "Gullit" shirt sold by the Chelsea club shop, 25 have been sold of Vialli's, a figure that the club shop dismisses. In any case, what would it matter?

It would surely be astounding if a player as proud and celebrated as Vialli did not feel badly about his exclusion from the team. He reacted bitterly to being dropped by the then manager, Arrigo Sacchi, from Italy's 1994 World Cup finals squad. When it seemed that they might be reconciled, Vialli learnt, to his fury, that Sacchi, never the most tactful of men, had carried out polls among his players. Many of them came from Milan, and Vialli was thumbed down. When many came from his own club, Juventus, the answer was positive.

Stand-offs between famous players and a dominating manager are commonplace of football history, not least in Italy. "He's mad!" Roberto Baggio said after Sacchi pulled him off the field at Giants Stadium during the World Cup game against Norway in 1994, after Pagliuca, the Italy goalkeeper, had been sent off.

Dsspite the subsequent, vital World Cup goals he scored, Baggio was never dear to Sacchi. He was publicly horrified this season when Sacchi returned as manager of Milan and was then promptly dropped him from the team.

At least Chelsea have kept Vialli, even if, at the end of this season, he moves to pastures new, probably in Italy. Juventus, by contrast, jettisoned him last season, even though he had just captained the team that won the European Cup. Just as, with equal ruthlessness, they had jettisoned Baggio, the season before. And what of the emotional Fabrizio Ravanelli, 'the White Feather', scorer of *Juve's* goal in that European Cup final?

Within weeks he was summoned from his native Perugia to Turin and told that he was on his way. "Like a bolt from the blue," he cried, as he often does. There, indeed, was humiliation for you — though, as an Italian critic remarked, Ravanelli had publicly told his coach, Marcello Lippi, to go to hell once too often.

> **'It would be astounding if Vialli did not feel badly about his exclusion'**

What Chelsea have suffered from is simply an embarrassment of riches. The evening Gianfranco Zola arrived from Parma and attended a press conference, Gullit was asked how he would accommodate Zola, Mark Hughes and Vialli in attack. He replied that he might play all three of them.

It did not work and when Vialli partnered Hughes, they duplicated rather than complemented one another. Once it grew clear that Hughes and Zola worked wonderfully together, Gullit was on the horns of a dilemma.

You might criticise him for asking his players which formation they preferred, hearing a response that they wanted two players up front — managers should make up their own minds — but there can be no doubt that this was the ideal solution.

Vialli can console himself that when he did leave Juventus, it was, thanks to the Bosman ruling, on a free transfer — and that, as the main man in Italy's players' union, he had extended that concession to domestic transfers. Meanwhile, you can understand his frustration. Even if this is scarcely the first case of its kind.

# Barcelona struggle to overcome injury problems

By Our Sports Staff

AT full strength, Barcelona would be worthy favourites for the Cup Winners' Cup, but when Fiorentina, of Italy, take the field at the Nou Camp Stadium tonight, they will have every reason to believe they can upset the odds.

Barcelona have an injury problem, indeed several of them, involving players who would ordinarily demand places in the first team. Iván de la Peña, Josep Guardiola, Sergi and Luis Enrique are all key figures in the Barcelona line-up, de la Peña and Guardiola offering vision in midfield and Sergi and Luis Enrique strength and pace along the left touchline. None seems likely to play in the semi-final, first leg match tonight and, with possible replacements also struggling, Bobby Robson, the coach, has a problem.

Worse; it is a problem that has arisen at a bad time. Barcelona may have won the Cup Winners' Cup on three occasions in the past but, with the Spanish league firmly in the grip of their rivals, Real Madrid, success in Europe would ease growing pressure from their supporters. Suggestions that Guardiola is to join Parma in Italy during the summer and that Ronaldo, the brilliant Brazilian, is a money-no-object target for Lazio have hardly helped matters. At least Barcelona are in form, having thrashed Sporting Gijón 4-0 over the weekend.

Thus, Fiorentina arrived in Barcelona in bullish mood. Their Argentina striker, Gabriel Batistuta, said: "I've never felt inferior to anyone. Sure, the Catalan side has 22 great players and lots of international experience, but the real Fiorentina can beat anyone."

Nor will they concentrate their attentions simply on Ronaldo. "That would be equivalent to allowing a free hand to all the other nine players, all equally useful," Claudio Ranieri, the Fiorentina coach, said.

# Porterfield to return home

By Our Sports Staff

IAN PORTERFIELD is to resign as coach to the Zimbabwe national team because of what he called yesterday "unwarranted criticism". The Scot, a former manager of Chelsea, Sheffield United and Aberdeen, said he would not extend his six-month contract with the Zimbabwe Football Association (Zifa) when it expires at the end of April because he had had enough.

Porterfield helped rebuild the national team in neighbouring Zambia when their squad perished in a plane crash in 1993, but he has undergone heavy criticism since taking the Zimbabwe job. Local media have accused him of transforming the Zimbabwe side from an attacking outfit into an ultra-defensive one.

Zimbabwe have lost three away matches, won three and drawn one home game under his charge in the qualifying rounds of the African nations' cup and World Cup and the chances of the team qualifying for either of the two events for the first time are slim.

"There is too much unwarranted criticism of the team here and it is unlike in Zambia, where everyone was behind the team," Porterfield said, adding that he would leave after Zimbabwe's home match against Angola in the next World Cup qualifier on April 27. "I am definitely going back home to see my wife and my children soon after the game against Angola. Even if Zimbabwe win 5-0, or even if I am offered a lot of money, that will not count. I will be very happy to go home," he said.

Three managers fell foul of the Football Association yesterday for talking out of turn to match officials. Brian Horton, of Huddersfield Town, was severely censured and fined £100 for comments made to a linesman in the Yorkshire club's home defeat by Bolton Wanderers on February 22. It was Horton's second misconduct charge of the season.

Kevin Ratcliffe, of Chester City, was censured and fined £200 for talking out of turn to the referee during his side's game at Fulham on March 1. John Baldwin, the manager of the FA Cup giantkillers, Hednesford Town, was censured, warned about his future conduct and fined £150 for remarks made to a referee in his side's Vauxhall Conference game with Gateshead.

England have dropped two places in the latest Fifa rankings, despite their Wembley victory over Mexico, who are rated higher in the world list. However, Scotland have climbed three places since February after home World Cup wins over Estonia and Austria.

England drop from twelfth to fourteenth in the period February to April, despite beating Mexico, who have gone from eleventh to twelfth, at Wembley on March 29. Scotland went from 27th to 24th, while Wales somehow move up from 82nd to 81st, despite a home defeat by Belgium. Northern Ireland are up five places to 63rd, while the Republic went from 39th to 41st.

Major League Soccer (MLS) in the United States will add teams in Miami and Chicago for the 1998 season, expanding the league to 12 teams, it was announced yesterday. The Miami team will play its home games at the Orange Bowl, while the Chicago club will be based at Soldier Field, home to Chicago Bears, of the National Football League.

Leeds United are preparing a bid for the highly-rated Bury defender, Chris Lucketti. David O'Leary, the Leeds assistant manager, was at Gigg Lane on Tuesday to check the form of the centre back, who would cost Leeds around £1.5 million, and O'Leary would not have been disappointed, with Lucketti outstanding again in Bury's rearguard as they extended their lead at the top of the Nationwide League second division to four points.

# Fulham stall celebrations to chase championship medals

By Russell Kempson

BOLTON Wanderers became the first club to fulfil their ambitions this season when victory against Queens Park Rangers at Burnden Park on Saturday secured promotion from the Nationwide League first division to the FA Carling Premiership. On Tuesday night, Fulham, Wigan Athletic and Rotherham United also defined their immediate future.

For Fulham and Wigan, it was an equally memorable occasion, confirming their upward departure from the third division and bringing due reward for eight months' graft. Fulham drew 0-0 away to Mansfield Town in a dour encounter, while Wigan beat Colchester United 1-0 at Springfield Park.

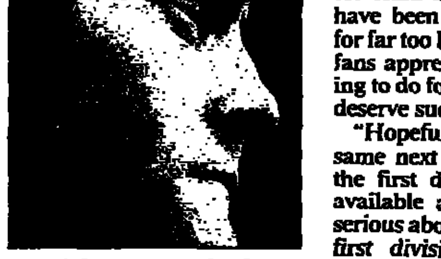
For Rotherham, the emotions contrasted starkly. A 1-0 defeat by Wrexham at the Racecourse Ground sentenced them to relegation from the second division, with four matches remaining. Rotherham, winners of the Auto Windscreens Shield at Wembley only a year ago, had fallen from grace with barely a whimper.

Fulham, though, still have much work to be done. They lie a point behind Wigan, with a game in hand, and want to win the divisional championship. Even amid the post-match celebrations at Field Mill, Jimmy Hill, the Fulham chairman, retained a sense of perspective.

"I know from experience that you only get a medal if you win the title," Hill said. "If the players want a medal to take home to their wives and mums, then that's what they've got to do.

"It's still a moment of joy to be grasped and savoured and a moment to let London know that Fulham is still there by the river and it's a club with a big beating heart. The game sometimes kicks you in the teeth and this is the first bit if happiness we've had for about ten years."

Simon Morgan, the Fulham captain, was almost overwhelmed. "A 0-0 result at Mansfield might not sound too good, but it was a great point for us," he said. "I feel shattered, we all do, and I can't really describe my feelings when the final whistle went. It was just brilliant.



Adams: surprised

"We've got four games left, four parties, but we still desperately want to win that title. I've never been hugged by so many supporters and I got a few kisses as well — I just wish they had shaved!"

For Micky Adams, the Fulham manager, it represented the pinnacle of his career. "I haven't really had many great moments, apart from an FA Cup semi-final when I was at Leeds," he said. "This has surpassed anything I could have dreamt of."

Adams, 35, took charge only 14 months ago, when Ian Branfoot moved upstairs at Craven Cottage to become general manager. He has had to endure intermittent criticism along the way, but, after an unbeaten run of 11 matches, Fulham will return to the second division after a three-year absence.

"I knew we were fit and ready at the start of the season, but I didn't really think we could do this," Adams said. "I'm a fighter, my players are fighters and all the cynics and critics that had a go at us from time to time can now eat their words."

Wigan are already making plans for next season, with Dave Whelan, the club's wealthy chairman, having promised funds of £2 million for team strengthening. "We have been in the wilderness for far too long," he said. "The fans appreciate what I'm trying to do for the club and they deserve success.

"Hopefully, we can do the same next year and get into the first division. Money is available and we are really serious about things. After the first division, who knows? Perhaps the Premiership."

Like Fulham, Wigan still eye the championship. "Promotion is what we have worked for and now we can go all out for the title," John Deehan, the Wigan manager, said. Carlisle United are also in contention, three points behind Fulham, but missed the opportunity to guarantee promotion when they were beaten 2-1 by Darlington. However, they still hold a ten-point advantage over Swansea City, their nearest rivals, and will return to the second division, which they left only last season, if they beat Mansfield this weekend.

# Gray hopes for repeat of history

ANDY GRAY, the former England midfield player, will draw on all his experience of cup upsets when he plays for Falkirk in the Tennents Scottish Cup semi-final against Celtic at Ibrox on Saturday.

Gray was a member of the Crystal Palace team that beat Liverpool 4-3 at Villa Park in 1990 in a memorable semi-final. "Liverpool were hot favourites," Gray said. "They had beaten us 9-0 earlier that season and nobody gave us a chance in the cup semi-final but we just went out and did it."

Falkirk, of the Bell's Scottish League first division, are the underdogs and talk of internal strife at Celtic Park has not altered the opinions of the bookmakers. "There have been a lot of headlines about Celtic and their problems but to be honest those are all about the manager and the chairman they have nothing to do with the players," Gray said.

"But this is the semi-final I wanted. If Falkirk are to go out, and I am not being negative, then I'd rather we went down to Celtic in front of 50,000 at Ibrox than lose to Dundee United of Kilmarnock."

Gray, 33, who has also played for Aston Villa, Queens Park Rangers and Tottenham Hotspur, won his one England cap in Poland in 1991. His career at Brockville has been revived since Alex Totten succeeded Eamonn Bannon as manager at the end of last year.

"Alex is like a player. He gets nervous before big games and doesn't try to hide it and he shows his emotions when we win. If he hadn't come to Falkirk I would be sitting back with a cigar, picking up my wages and not worrying in the slightest," Gray said.

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**FOOTBALL:** LIVERPOOL MANAGER PONDERS OPTIONS IN ATTACK FOR SEMI-FINAL

# Evans hopes for bright evening

From David Maddock in Paris

ROY EVANS has an abiding memory of his last visit to the French national stadium, the Parc des Princes. It is of being cast into total darkness an hour before the kick-off, as the lights went out on Liverpool.

The Liverpool manager is hoping that he does not suffer the same fate tonight as his team begins an arduous schedule that will decide, over a period of the next nine days, whether or not their season is to be deemed a success.

Evans's last visit here was on a balmy May evening in 1981, when the club he has served for 30 years lifted the European Cup for the third time by beating Real Madrid 1-0 to secure their place among the elite clubs of Europe.

Much has passed since then, and Liverpool can no longer claim such high rank, but it is a good omen nonetheless as they attempt to reclaim a position of distinction.

### PATH TO SEMIS

**First round:** First leg: MyPa-47 (Fin) 0 Liverpool 1 (Bjornebye). Second leg: Liverpool 3 (Collymore, Barnes, Berger) MyPa 47 1 (agg 4-1). **Second round:** First leg: Sion 1 (Switz) Liverpool 2 (Fowler, Barnes) Second leg: Liverpool 6 (Fowler 2, McManaman, Barnes, Berger, Bjornebye) Sion 3 (agg 8-4) **Third round:** First leg: Brann Bergen (Nor) 1 Liverpool 1 (Fowler) Second leg: Liverpool 3 (Fowler 2, Collymore) Brann 0 (agg 4-1)

Equally, however, Evans could find himself cast into darkness again this evening and find the roof falling in on his ambitions.

Defeat against Paris Saint-Germain in the first leg of the European Cup Winners' Cup semi-final would, perhaps, condemn the Merseyside club to another frustrating season of relative failure.

The lame Anfield defeat at the hands of Coventry City on Sunday has put this tie into sharp focus. Realistically, it is Liverpool's best chance of a trophy in what is fast becoming a season of what might have been.

They still remain in contention for the ultimate prize of the FA Carling Premiership, but the desperate weekend result means they cannot afford any slip-ups and their gruelling schedule, four difficult games in little over a week, suggests there are several more to come.

After visiting Paris, they will experience the slightly less exotic surroundings of Sunderland, before playing what are traditionally considered to be the two most difficult matches of the domestic season — Everton away and Manchester United at home.

Is it realistic to believe that Liverpool will emerge from these encounters with the maximum points they surely require if they are to maintain their title challenge? It seems unlikely, and so Paris in spring takes on even greater significance.

Evans, with perhaps half an eye on his continuing employment prospects, knows this and has therefore agonised over the past few days over his most appropriate line-up against the holders of this trophy and a side that presents by far the sternest European challenge Liverpool have faced since their return to continental competition.

The simple question must be, does he persevere with the moody Stan Collymore or attempt yet another forward combination in search of support for the prolific Robbie Fowler?

Fowler celebrated his 22nd birthday yesterday and if ever there is a forward guaranteed to add icing to his birthday cake, then it is this young man, given the form he has displayed recently.

He has kept Liverpool's hopes of a trophy alive as they have wobbled alarmingly since Christmas. Fowler has an extra incentive in that should he score against Paris then he will set a new Liverpool record of scoring in five consecutive matches in Europe.

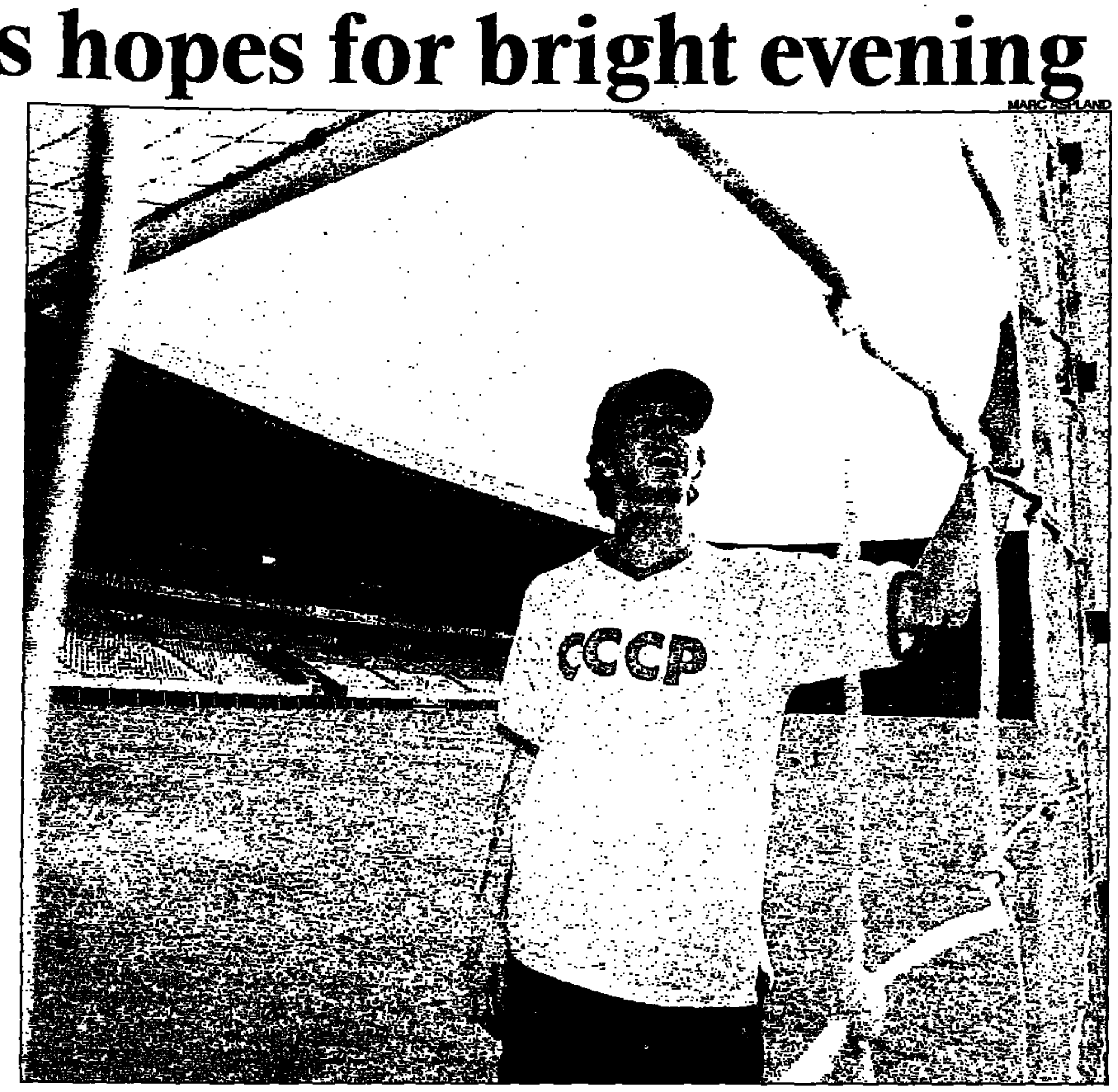
However, he would gladly substitute a goal for the result which would offer his side hope in the return leg at Anfield in two weeks. Evans revealed the extent of his deliberation yesterday as he wondered out loud if attack was the best form of defence against French opponents who are perhaps slightly beyond their best but still a formidable barrier.

"In Europe you always think about being secure at the back first, but then we know there is no point in coming here just to get a draw," Evans said.

"I believe it will be an open game and it may be that we stick with the formation that has done well for us recently. When I look at this tie I think we have to go for a win in both legs because they are a side that will always come at you".

One change that Evans will be forced to make is to replace Bjorn Kvarme, the Norway international, who is cup-tied. He does, however, have an appropriate alternative in Mark Wright, whose absence through suspension against Coventry has perhaps cost Liverpool more dearly than the manager would care to imagine.

Liverpool's best prospect of success may be in Europe rather than domestically. Paris, for all their recent exploits in Europe, look eminently beatable, and Fowler is the man who could prove to be the key.



MARC ASPLAND

Net gain: Steve McManaman, the Liverpool forward, looks around the Parc des Princes stadium yesterday

RUGBY UNION

# Mapletoft kick-starts his challenge for tour place

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

HOW many more surprises has this Courage Clubs Championship season in store? If last week saw Wasps brought low, the events of this week have restored their confidence that this could yet be their year to win the league for the second time after Leicester, their main rivals, came to grief at Gloucester on Tuesday night.

If they do, it will be to general surprise outside Loftus Road and Sudbury but Wasps, three points clear, are in the box seat. When Leicester emerged winners in a match of the highest quality, their director of rugby, Bob Dwyer, admitted that Wasps were "better than I expected". Richard Hill, whose Gloucester team have now beaten both Wasps and Leicester at Kingsholm, still believes the Midland club to be the better of the two.

"Wasps have huffed and puffed a bit, they have scraped through, ridden their luck, they don't look a championship-winning side, but they might yet do so," Hill said as Gloucestrians old and young celebrated the injury-time 32-30 win against Leicester. The former England scrum half was always a hard taskmaster, but he could scarce restrain a smile at the achievements of his players.

What he has built at Kingsholm is more precious than money. "The skill we can work on, but we can't give people heart and the will to win," Hill said. "The players are developing that themselves and whoever comes into the side appears to get caught up in it." Yet money he must have, too, if he is to build a side that can challenge for titles and he will know more about that after the special general meeting of club members tomorrow, when an investment scheme will be put forward.

Coincidentally, that comes 24 hours after a similar discussion by Sale members over the future of their club. Sale and Gloucester have proved this season that good preparation, willing (and mostly English) players and success can go hand in hand and if they find themselves better funded, neither will buy willy-nilly, but will seek the two or three outsiders who can lift them that extra level.

In the meantime, Mark Mapletoft continues to make a nonsense of those who claim there are no English-qualified, goalkicking stand-off halves. A nerveless conversion from the touchline made the difference between Gloucester and Leicester on Tuesday and if that was not a pressure kick — with the Shed, silent for once, willing the ball every inch of the way — then nothing is.

Mapletoft's six penalties and two conversions took him to 443 points for the season, an achievement that should earn him a place in England's tour party to Argentina, which is announced next week. Since he was also opposing an acknowledged world master in Joel Stransky, his feats on Tuesday were the more laudable.

But those six penalties also indicate a degree of indiscipline by Leicester that they will do well to eradicate if their league challenge — they now have only one game in hand of Wasps — is not to fall to pieces. The ratio of penalties favoured Gloucester 2:1 and showed a degree of petulance by Leicester forwards that is unacceptable. Since injury will probably remove their two most senior players, Dean Richards and John Wells, from the clash with Bath on Saturday, now is the time to concentrate.

### TABLE

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Wasps | 18 | 14 | 1 | 3 | 563 | 344 | 29 |
| Leicester | 17 | 13 | 0 | 4 | 519 | 272 | 26 |
| Bath | 17 | 11 | 1 | 5 | 592 | 324 | 23 |
| Sale | 16 | 10 | 1 | 5 | 440 | 325 | 21 |
| Harlequins | 16 | 10 | 0 | 6 | 591 | 329 | 20 |
| Gloucester | 17 | 10 | 0 | 7 | 385 | 394 | 20 |
| Saracens | 15 | 9 | 1 | 5 | 387 | 288 | 19 |
| Northampton | 17 | 8 | 0 | 9 | 371 | 360 | 16 |
| Bristol | 17 | 6 | 0 | 11 | 332 | 494 | 12 |
| London Irish | 15 | 3 | 0 | 12 | 333 | 520 | 6 |
| W Hartlepool | 19 | 3 | 0 | 16 | 330 | 685 | 6 |
| Orrell | 18 | 2 | 0 | 16 | 239 | 747 | 4 |

# Popplewell fined by Newcastle

BEDFORD were not convinced yesterday that justice has been served by the punishment meted out to Nick Popplewell after his assault on Scott Murray during the Courage Clubs Championship second division match with Newcastle at Goldington Road last Saturday (David Hands writes).

Popplewell, the Ireland and Newcastle prop, has been given a fine — said to be £1,000 — by his club and warned about his future conduct after the incident that forced Murray, the young Scottish lock, to leave the field. "Club officials have studied the evidence and do not in any way condone the action taken by Popplewell," a Newcastle statement said.

Bedford, however, expected a suspension to be imposed. "The punishment would hardly appear to fit the crime, especially as the punch could have endangered not only a young man's eyesight, but also his whole future in the game," a statement said.

Popplewell received a yellow card for his action and so did two Bedford players later for dangerous tackles, while Tony Underwood, the Newcastle wing, broke his jaw in a collision with Paul Hewitt.

Had Steve Lander, the referee, seen Popplewell's punch rather than being forced to act on the advice of his touch judge, he might well have considered it worthy of dismissal. If the Irishman had been sent off he would have received a 30-day suspension.

Popplewell could still face a ban from the Rugby Football Union, whose national disciplinary officer, Roy Manock, said yesterday: "I have not received Newcastle's report, but when I do and after I have studied the video I will decide if any further action needs to be taken and what it should be."

Orrell, doomed to relegation from the first division, have parted company with Peter Williams, their director of rugby.

Barrie Corless, who did so much to revive Northampton's fortunes as director of rugby between 1988 and 1992, is to take up a similar post with Nottingham.

SPORT IN BRIEF

# Snow wants to join Sussex committee

JOHN SNOW, the former Sussex and England fast bowler, is to stand for election to the new club committee at Hove. Snow, 55, who appeared in 49 Tests and played for the county for 16 years until 1977, is one of ten candidates for the six posts left vacant after the ousting of the old committee at the annual meeting last month.

The others include John Spencer, Snow's former teammate, and four members of the new director of cricket Tony Pigott's Sussex 2000 Action Group. Members will receive their voting papers in the next fortnight and the results will be announced in early May.

**Cycling:** Jeremy Hunt, of Great Britain, sprinted clear to take the first stage of the Sarthe race in La Fleche in France yesterday. Hunt outpaced Maurizio Tomi and Filippo Meloni, of Italy, as the opening stage of the race developed into a mass sprint.

**Cricket:** Pakistan pulled off a 32-run victory over Zimbabwe to enter the final of the three-nation Singer Akai Cup at the Sharjah Stadium. Pakistan, who scored a modest 151 for nine in their innings, bundled out Zimbabwe for 119 in 40.1 overs. They meet Sri Lanka in the final tomorrow.

**Motorcycling:** Carl Fogarty, the former world superbike champion, was third fastest on the final day of a two-day test at the Misano circuit in Italy yesterday. The Ducati rider, from Lancashire, clocked 1min 34.517sec, more than half a second slower than the best time of 1:33.885 by Akira Yanagawa, of Japan, on a Kawasaki.

**Athletics:** The Romanian Athletics Federation has dismissed Eugen Raducanescu as its national team trainer because of repeated drugs cases involving his athletes, the federation's president said yesterday.

## TUESDAY'S LATE RESULTS

**UEFA CUP:** Semi-finals, first leg: Internazionale (It) 3 AS Monaco (Fr) 1 Tenerife (Sp) 1 Schalke 04 (Ger) 0

**NATIONWIDE LEAGUE** First division: Oldham Athletic 2 Birmingham City 2

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Bolton | 41 | 25 | 12 | 4 | 88 | 43 | 87 |
| Barnsley | 40 | 19 | 13 | 8 | 64 | 45 | 70 |
| Wolves | 41 | 20 | 9 | 12 | 60 | 45 | 69 |
| Sheffield Utd | 42 | 18 | 11 | 13 | 70 | 51 | 65 |
| Port Vale | 42 | 18 | 15 | 11 | 53 | 49 | 63 |
| Portsmouth | 41 | 18 | 8 | 15 | 52 | 45 | 62 |
| Ipswich | 41 | 16 | 13 | 12 | 59 | 49 | 61 |
| C Palace | 39 | 16 | 12 | 11 | 69 | 40 | 60 |
| Norwich | 42 | 16 | 11 | 15 | 61 | 63 | 59 |
| Tranmere | 41 | 16 | 11 | 14 | 57 | 50 | 59 |
| Stoke | 41 | 16 | 10 | 15 | 47 | 51 | 58 |
| QPR | 42 | 15 | 12 | 15 | 56 | 57 | 57 |
| Birmingham | 41 | 14 | 13 | 14 | 46 | 47 | 55 |
| Swindon | 42 | 15 | 8 | 19 | 52 | 63 | 53 |
| Charlton | 40 | 14 | 10 | 16 | 47 | 55 | 52 |
| Oxford Utd | 42 | 14 | 9 | 19 | 57 | 61 | 51 |
| Reading | 41 | 13 | 12 | 16 | 50 | 58 | 51 |
| Man City | 39 | 14 | 9 | 16 | 49 | 50 | 51 |
| West Brom | 41 | 12 | 14 | 15 | 63 | 67 | 50 |
| Huddersfield | 41 | 12 | 13 | 16 | 45 | 57 | 49 |
| Bradford | 41 | 10 | 11 | 20 | 42 | 67 | 41 |
| Grimsby | 40 | 9 | 12 | 19 | 52 | 72 | 39 |
| Oldham | 41 | 9 | 12 | 20 | 46 | 59 | 39 |
| Southend | 42 | 8 | 14 | 20 | 39 | 75 | 38 |

**SECOND DIVISION:** Bristol Rovers 1 Millwall 0, Bury 2 Walsall 1; Chesterfield 0 Watford 0, Luton Town 0 Wycombe Wanderers 0; Plymouth Argyle 0 Stockport County 0, Wrexham 1 Rotherham United 0; York City 1 Peterborough United 0

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Bury | 40 | 21 | 10 | 9 | 58 | 36 | 73 |
| Luton | 40 | 19 | 12 | 9 | 65 | 41 | 69 |
| Brentford | 40 | 18 | 14 | 8 | 54 | 36 | 68 |
| Stockport | 38 | 18 | 12 | 8 | 51 | 36 | 66 |
| Crewe | 40 | 20 | 5 | 15 | 50 | 42 | 65 |
| Burnley | 41 | 18 | 9 | 14 | 63 | 44 | 63 |
| Watford | 40 | 15 | 18 | 7 | 39 | 28 | 63 |
| Bristol City | 41 | 17 | 10 | 14 | 59 | 47 | 61 |
| Walsall | 41 | 17 | 10 | 14 | 50 | 45 | 61 |
| Millwall | 42 | 16 | 12 | 14 | 50 | 50 | 60 |
| Wrexham | 40 | 14 | 17 | 9 | 45 | 43 | 59 |
| Blackpool | 40 | 14 | 14 | 12 | 50 | 41 | 56 |
| Chesterfield | 39 | 14 | 14 | 11 | 36 | 34 | 56 |
| Gillingham | 40 | 15 | 9 | 16 | 49 | 54 | 54 |
| Bournemouth | 42 | 14 | 12 | 16 | 38 | 41 | 54 |
| Bristol Rov | 42 | 14 | 11 | 17 | 43 | 44 | 53 |
| Preston | 42 | 15 | 7 | 20 | 44 | 53 | 52 |
| Plymouth | 41 | 11 | 16 | 14 | 43 | 53 | 49 |
| York | 41 | 12 | 12 | 17 | 43 | 58 | 48 |
| Shrewsbury | 42 | 11 | 13 | 18 | 49 | 67 | 46 |
| Wycombe | 41 | 12 | 9 | 20 | 40 | 52 | 45 |
| Peterborough | 42 | 9 | 14 | 19 | 52 | 71 | 41 |
| Rotherham | 42 | 6 | 13 | 23 | 34 | 63 | 31 |
| Notts Co | 41 | 6 | 13 | 22 | 29 | 53 | 31 |

**THIRD DIVISION:** Barnet 1 Scunthorpe United 1, Cambridge United 0 Northampton Town 0; Darlington 2 Carlisle United 1; Doncaster Rovers 3 Cardiff City 3, Mansfield Town 0 Fulham 0, Wigan Athletic 1 Colchester United 0

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Wigan | 43 | 24 | 9 | 10 | 79 | 50 | 81 |
| Fulham | 42 | 23 | 11 | 8 | 69 | 37 | 80 |
| Carlisle | 42 | 22 | 11 | 9 | 62 | 40 | 77 |
| Swansea | 42 | 20 | 7 | 15 | 56 | 50 | 67 |
| Chester | 42 | 16 | 16 | 10 | 49 | 40 | 64 |
| Northampton | 42 | 17 | 11 | 14 | 61 | 43 | 62 |
| Cardiff | 41 | 18 | 8 | 15 | 51 | 49 | 62 |
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| Barnet | 42 | 12 | 16 | 14 | 39 | 41 | 52 |
| Darlington | 42 | 13 | 10 | 19 | 60 | 71 | 49 |
| Rochdale | 42 | 11 | 16 | 15 | 48 | 55 | 49 |
| Torquay | 42 | 13 | 10 | 19 | 43 | 54 | 49 |
| Doncaster | 42 | 13 | 9 | 20 | 49 | 62 | 48 |
| L Orient | 42 | 12 | 12 | 18 | 43 | 53 | 48 |
| Exeter | 42 | 12 | 11 | 19 | 43 | 59 | 47 |
| Hereford | 42 | 11 | 11 | 20 | 46 | 60 | 44 |
| Hartlepool | 42 | 12 | 8 | 22 | 45 | 61 | 44 |
| 1 Brighton | 42 | 11 | 8 | 23 | 49 | 68 | 39 |

† Brighton deducted two points

**VAUXHALL CONFERENCE:** Dover Athletic 3 Stevenage Borough 3, Southport 3 Morecambe 1; Woking 1 Bromsgrove Rovers 3

*Leading positions*

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Macclesfld | 38 | 24 | 8 | 6 | 64 | 26 | 80 |
| Kiddermnstr | 38 | 23 | 7 | 8 | 76 | 37 | 76 |
| Stevenage | 35 | 21 | 7 | 7 | 73 | 43 | 70 |
| Northwich | 39 | 16 | 12 | 11 | 56 | 49 | 60 |
| Farnborough | 37 | 15 | 12 | 10 | 54 | 45 | 57 |
| Woking | 34 | 16 | 5 | 10 | 63 | 47 | 56 |
| Hednesford | 37 | 15 | 11 | 11 | 47 | 41 | 56 |
| Morecambe | 35 | 15 | 7 | 13 | 55 | 51 | 52 |

**SEMI-PROFESSIONAL INTERNATIONAL:** Holland 0 England 0 (at FC Appingedam)

**UNIBOND LEAGUE:** Premier division: Bamber Bridge 2 Colwyn Bay 3; Buxton 0 Alfreton 1 Marine 3 Frickley 1 Witton 1 Emley 4. First division: Atherton LR 1 Netherfield 4 Flixton 0 Congleton 1, Gretna 3 Whitley Bay 1, Harrogate Town 1 Matlock Town 2; Warrington 1 Great Harwood 1, Workington 3 Curzon Ashton 0, Worksop 1 Bradford PA 2.

**DR MARTENS LEAGUE:** Premier division: Cambridge City 2 Nuneaton 2; Crawley 1 Merthyr 0, Gravesend and Northfleet 0 Burton 1, Sudbury 2 Ashford 2 Midland division: Bilston 1 Moor Green 5, Ilkeston 1 Paget 1, Rothwell 3 Grantham 0; Sutton Coldfield Town 1 Dudley Town 4 Southern division: Buckingham Town 0 Fisher 2, Tonbridge Angels 2 Fareham 0; Trowbridge 1 Cirencester 1; Weymouth 1 St Leonards 0

**ICIS LEAGUE:** Premier division: Chertsey 1 Boreham Wood 1, Hendon 0 Grays 1, Oxford City 1 Heybridge Swifts 2, St Albans 0 Yeading 0; Yeovil 3 Staines 1 First division: Barton 0 Bognor Regis 3; Basingstoke 0 Walton and Hersham 0; Berkhamsted 0 Hampton 4, Marlow 2 Thame 2 Tooting and Mitcham 0 Chesham 4; Uxbridge 1 Worthing 1, Wokingham 0 Billericay 1 Second division: Banstead 0 Leighton 0, Bracknell 2 Barking 2; Cheshunt 2 Tilbury 5, Collier Row 2 Edgware 3, Horsham 5 Hemel Hempstead 1, Ware 0 Chalfont St Peter 4 Third division: Aveley 1 Clapton 2 Wealdstone 0 Northwood 2

**GILBERT LEAGUE OF WALES:** Bangor City 0 Barry 4; Llansantffraid 2 Holywell 1, Rhyl 1 Flint Town 1; Cwmbran 1 Newtown 3

**IRISH LEAGUE:** Coca-Cola Cup: Final: Glentoran 0 Glenavon 1

**FAI HARP NATIONAL LEAGUE:** Premier division: Shelbourne 1 UCD 0

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**AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION:** First division: West Ham 1 Swindon 3

**PONTIN'S LEAGUE:** First division: Sheffield United 2 Blackpool 0; Notts County 1 Middlesbrough 1

**LONDON SPARTAN LEAGUE:** Premier division: Brimsdown 0 Barkingside 2; Hillingdon Boro 3 Cockfosters 0

**WINSTONLEAD KENT LEAGUE:** First division: Deal 2 Greenwich 3, Hythe 1 Chatham 2 Whitstable 0 Herne Bay 2

**ESSEX SENIOR LEAGUE:** Premier division: Concord 2 Brentwood 2; Ford United 8 Bowers 0

**JEWSON WESSEX LEAGUE:** First division: Bemerton Heath Harl 5 Eastleigh 3; Thatcham 3 Ryde Sports 0

**MINERVA SOUTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE:** Premier division: Arlesey 2 Bedford 0; Letchworth 4 Royston 0 Potters Bar 0 Welwyn Garden 0

**NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE:** First division: Burscough 0 Nantwich 1

**SCREWFIX DIRECT LEAGUE:** Premier division: Chard 0 Bideford 2, Mangotsfield 3 Tiverton 0; Paulton 2 Chippenham 2; Torrington 2 Barnstaple 2

**UHLSPORT UNITED COUNTIES LEAGUE:** Premier division: Potton 1 Eynesbury 1, St Neots 4 Desborough 1; S and L Corby 1 Stamford 3

**UNIJET SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE:** First division: Burgess Hill 3 Selsey 0, Hailsham 0 Hassocks 1, Oakwood 1 Ringmer 1.

**HELLENIC LEAGUE:** Premier division: Banbury 1 Brackley 0 Burnham 2 Bicester 0; Carterton 1 Lambourn Sports 0, North Leigh 1 Endsleigh 0

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**BANKS'S BREWERY LEAGUE:** Cup: Second round: Westfields 4 Bloxwich Strollers 0

**ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE MIDLAND COMBINATION:** Premier division: Boldmere Swifts 1 Southam 1, King's Heath 1 Knowle 2, Studley BKL 3 Shirley 0

**FEDERATION BREWERY NORTHERN LEAGUE:** First division: Chester-le-Street 0 Guisborough 2; Stockton 0 South Shields 0

**JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE:** Premier division: Fakenham 1 Lowestoft 1, Gorleston 2 Tiptree 1, Great Yarmouth 3 Woodbridge 1, Hadleigh 1 Clacton 2; Harwich and Parkeston 0 Stowmarket 1; March 1 Warboys 2, Sudbury Wanderers 0 Wisbech 1, Wroxham 7 Walton 0.

**NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE:** Premier division: North Ferriby 1 Liversedge 0; Thackley 1 Sheffield 1 Cup: Semi-finals: Hucknall 3 Brigg 1 Pontefract Collieries 2 Ossett Town 1

### WORD-WATCHING

**Answers from page 43**

**FEASANCE**
**(c) The doing or execution of a condition, obligation, feudal service, etc. Ultimately from the French *faire*, Latin *facere* to do. "*Under this Term* [Gavel] were comprehended all Socage Services whatsoever which lie in Render or Feasance."**

**GAZOON**
**(c) A nonce-word, adapted from *gazon* the old Teutonic word for a sod, turf, damp soil or mass of earth. Hogg apparently took the word to mean "a compact body of men", or something similar. James Hogg, "the Ettrick Shepherd", *Queen's Wake*, 1813: "A close gazoon the horsemen made,/ Douglas and Morison the head./ And through the ranks impetuous bore."**

**GRAVEDO**
**(a) A cold in the head, coryza. From the Latin *gravedo* heaviness (in the limbs or head).**

**FAIENCE**
**(c) A general term comprising all the various kinds of glazed earthenware and porcelain. A toponym of *Faenza* in Italy, one of the chief seats of the ceramic industry in the 16th century.**

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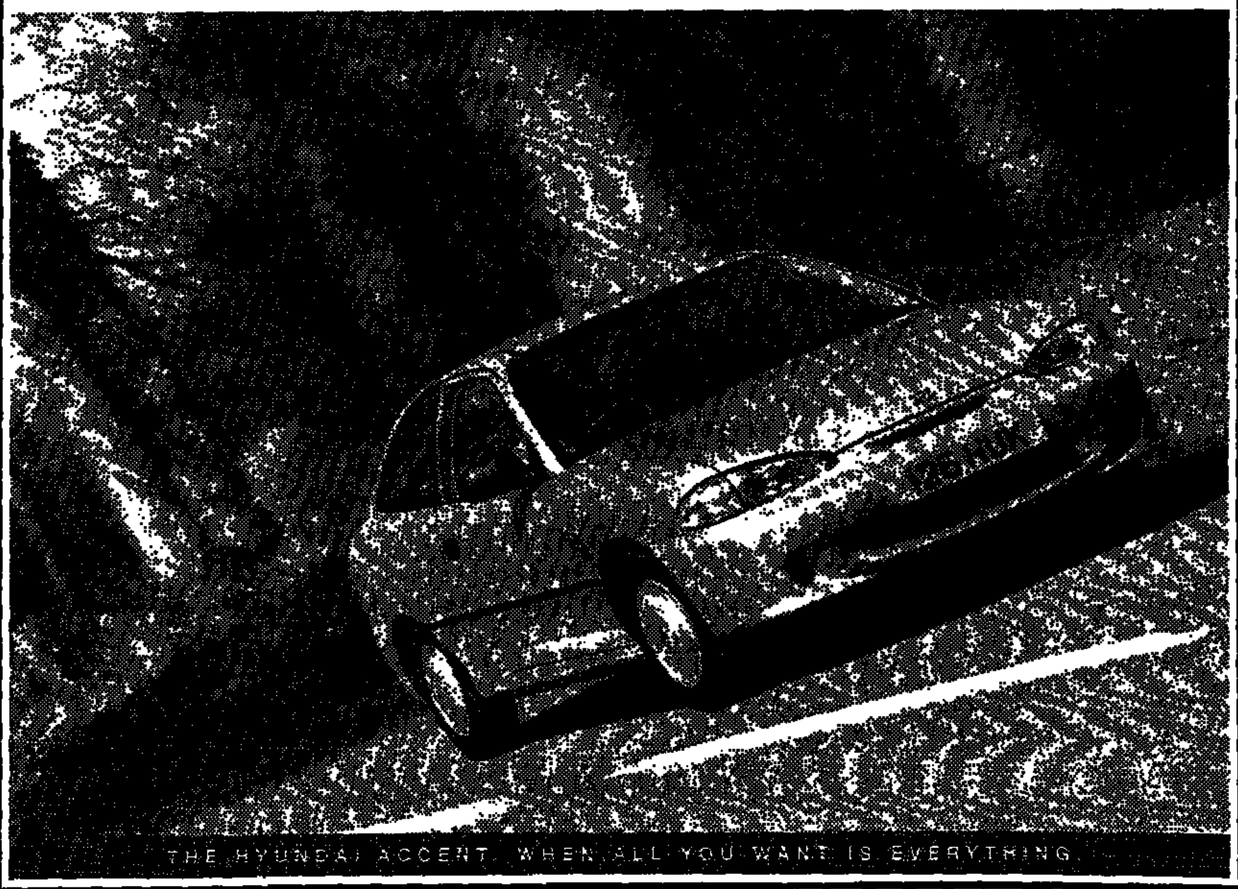

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# Augusta lacking its usual bloom

When you tread the fairways of Augusta National in the company of men who would be masters, two things stand out. The undulations of the course are steeper than television conveys and some of the players carry an aura found in very few walks of life.

Greg Norman is one of these and, of course, attracts the crowds and those who follow the game on television. Last year, he mobilised millions, who accompanied him on his personal descent into trauma as he lost the sixtieth Masters to Nick Faldo. And now, just before coming back to his nemesis, he has *immobilised* the President of the United States, who fell and injured a knee whilst socialising at Norman's estate.

Yet, though the sympathy wave from Americans supposed to be attracted only to winners follows Norman, it is Tiger Woods who tows around an even bigger gallery.

In yesterday's soft morning sunlight, they walked ten abreast, a thousand and more, examining every stroke and every mannerism of a 21-year-old who, being gifted and black, is accentuating social integration in the deep South.

Woods, indeed, challenges even the preserved gentility of Augusta National where there are few concessions to the worldwide trend to plaster everything in sport with sponsors' logos ... for he gives the impression of being a walking billboard for Nike.

They say he is worth close to $100 million before fulfilling his obvious potential and he reverses another trend; he plays for glory rather than money.

Augusta tries to resist change. Its members, said to number 300, are the untouchables. They preserve a mystique, a secrecy of masonic inclinations. Yet Norman can come and go through Augusta's tradition, so even might Faldo whose relentlessness in pursuing a fourth green jacket, draws American admiration, as for a dentist drawing teeth.

However, there is something missing from the Masters this year. The spring came unprecedentedly early, the azaleas and dogwoods have shed their bloom, so the old oak trees around the traditional clubhouse, are now stark

**ROB HUGHES**

At Augusta

against the manicured turf. Inside that clubhouse, walking up the spiral staircase beyond the framed pictures of every winner, a visitor feels humbled.

Looking down from the verandah, one sees the oldest swinger playing in the tournament. Arnold Palmer draws his own faithful gallery. They may be walking with him down Magnolia Lane but perhaps it is also memory lane.

That he, playing in his 42nd Masters, is here at all inspires others. Woods visibly looks too Palmer, an almost paternal guide, who time and again suggests to the icon, who is playing here for the first time as a professional, that he should try to relax and enjoy his natural talent ... if natural it can be to have begun this game with a sawn-off club at the age of four.

Palmer, back on the fairways for barely a month after surgery for cancer of the prostate, has already shown Norman the way.

Norman, more slender than we are accustomed to seeing him, was outwardly relaxed as he faced 62 questions, revealing that he had received 11,000 letters of support from all over the world, when all he had done was to be beaten by Faldo in that unforgettable final round last year.

"Is this story over now, guys?" he asked as the journalists began talking of the "Norman redemption tour".

Of course it is not. We will be up with the crack of dawn, watching every stroke, every facial twitch, to see how the return to Augusta affects the Queenslander. He has already been upstaged. For while Norman was stuck in traffic for two hours, Palmer flew in, piloting his new Citation 10 Cessna.

Ultimately, even at this rarified level, golf is a game of individuals seeking to master themselves and the terrain. But those seeking to drag the members of this club into the 21st century, are not making much progress.

CBS Television can influence the order of play, move the big names towards prime-time viewing, but they remain unable to buy Augusta, to manipulate it as so many sports are by the broadcasting paymasters.

Jack Stephens, the chairman of the club, was asked repeatedly yesterday why progress is so slow in granting television the right to televise the first nine holes on this course, holes never seen around the world.

"Well, honestly, progress is slow," the chairman said distainfully, "because we don't want to do it.

" A lot of my cohorts don't think it's of any merit. Have you noticed when the TV comes on here there's a mass exodus of people." The old masters.

# Norman out to conquer nerves

FROM JOHN HOPKINS
GOLF CORRESPONDENT
IN AUGUSTA

ALLSPORT

Norman receives coaching on his putting from David Leadbetter as he prepares to tackle the Masters

OF THE three major championships held annually on this side of the Atlantic, the Masters is the one that contains more thrills and spills than a circus. Barnum and Bailey's Big Top has nothing on Augusta National. *Roll up! Roll up!* Come and see the world's greatest golfers reduced to nervous wrecks on the fastest greens in the world!

Year in and year out the pattern is the same. The fifth day of the first full week of the fourth month of the year marks the commencement of the Masters. The honorary starters, Gene Sarazen, Byron Nelson and Sam Snead, whose combined ages total 264 years, tee off at 8am as they have done for years and then the tournament gets underway, rising to a finish that is sometimes pulsating on Sunday afternoon.

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At the 61st Masters, the rites and routines may remain the same, but the event is different. Rarely in recent memory have so few of the famed azaleas, dogwood, crab apple, redbud, firethorn been present. Normally a riot of colour, the course this year is just, well, green. And never in recent memory have there been so many subplots waiting to unfold. Never mind what will surely unfold over the last nine holes on Sunday afternoon because, seemingly, it always does. Look at what is in prospect this morning.

Nick Faldo is back where he defeated Greg Norman so badly last year and won his third green jacket. An 11-stroke swing from Norman to Faldo over 18 holes was sufficient to suggest that Norman's collapse was the greatest in championship golf. Norman's grace under pressure started an outpouring of support for him and when he had received 11,000 pieces of mail in the two months after the Masters last year he stopped counting.

The question that is most valid is: Has it left a mark on Norman? How will he compete this year? He putted poorly two weeks ago, not much better in New Orleans last week and is hardly over-golfed. He has played only three strokeplay events in the United States and one on the European tour since the new year. This week will be as much a mental as a physical test. "Going back to Augusta," Norman said, "will be the challenge of my life."

To meet the challenge of his life, Norman flew here on Tuesday morning after a session with a motivational expert on Monday. "I am not the only one who's ever blown a lead," Norman said. "I messed up badly, but it has happened before and it will happen again, to me or to someone else." Then, as if to emphasize once more that he is the most gracious loser in sport, he said: "I don't think Nick has got enough credit for what he did. He shot a great score when he had to. He put pressure on me. I don't think enough attention's been paid him for that."

Faldo is attempting to become the first man to win in successive years since he did it in 1989 and 1990. He arrived here from Lake Nona, Orlando, where he had been practising his putting for several hours each day on greens that had been shorn and, thus, speeded up specially for him. His game was better than in 1996, when he had missed the cut at the Players Championship. It would, he forecast, all depend on his putting.

If one had two wishes for Faldo it would be that his putting would be as good as it was last year, when he three-putted the fastest and some of the largest and most undulating greens only once, and that he would dismiss the apparent tetchiness with which he greets British journalists.

As if these subplots were not enough to whet the appetite, there are more. There is, for example, the remarkable comeback by José María Olazábal, who has finished 12th, fourth, first and seventh in four tournaments on two continents since he returned to competitive play after suspected rheumatoid arthritis in his feet. Were Olazábal, whose feet still hurt and for whom the hilly contours of Augusta represent his most severe test yet, to win his second Masters it would be the greatest comeback in golf since Ben Hogan was nearly killed in a car crash in February 1949 and finished fourth in the 1950 Masters and won the US Open that year.

And then there is the Tiger Woods phenomenon. Suffice to say that in the practice round yesterday spectators were jostling one another to photograph his ball. The hullabaloo that surrounds this remarkable young man is grating to the ears of other golfers. Faldo, for example, perhaps fearful of how good Woods already is and how much of a threat he poses, will not discuss the prodigy, even though he has to play with him in the first round today.

Colin Montgomerie, whose own chances may have improved as a result of a lessening in attention being paid to him, believes that Woods can win.

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## TODAY'S TEE-OFF TIMES AT THE MASTERS

*First-round tee-off times at Augusta (US unless stated, all times BST, * denotes amateurs)*

13:20 G Brewer, C Coody.
13:29 W Casper, D Ford.
13:38 T Aaron, K Green.
13:47 J Cook, S Cink.
13:56 S Hoch, S Torrance (GB).
14:05 L Mize, * J Miller.
14:14 D Forsman, L Westwood (GB).
14:23 J Sluman, M Bradley.
14:32 S McCarron, J Leonard.
14:41 D Hart, D Waldorf
14:50 D A Weibring, E Fiori.
14:59 F Zoeller, * S Scott
15:08 L Janzen, F Nobilo (NZ).
15:17 D Ogrin, C Rose.
15:26 M Brooks, S Appleby (Aus)
15:35 J Morse, D Berganio Jr.
15:44 R Tway, J Maggert.
15:53 D Duval, J Parnevik (Swe).
16:02 C Stadler, D Frost (SA)
16:11 J Furyk, K Perry.
16:20 F Couples, V Singh (Fiji).
16:29 C Pavin, L Roberts.
16:38 A Lyle (GB), M Calcavecchia.
16:47 T Kite, P Azinger.
16:56 C Montgomerie (GB), D Love III.
17:05 B Faxon, T Tolls.
17:14 S Jones, P-U Johansson (Swe)
17:23 B Crenshaw, C Rocca (It)
17:32 T Watson, S Elkington (Aus).
17:41 J Nicklaus, Y Kaneko (Japan).
17:50 R Floyd, R Allenby (Aus)
17:59 G Norman (Aus), P Mickelson.
18:08 A Palmer, * W Bladon (GB).
18:17 B Langer (Ger), M McNulty (Zim)
18:26 G Player (SA), * T Hogarth.
18:35 S Stricker, P Stankowski.
18:44 N Faldo (GB), T Woods.
18:53 J M Olazábal (Sp), M O'Meara.
19:02 T Lehman, N Price (Zim).
19:11 I Woosnam (GB), E Els (SA).
19:20 S Ballesteros (Sp), M Ozaki (Japan).
19:29 J Huston, W Wood.
19:38 F Funk, G Boros.

## TELEVISION CHOICE

# Sew far, sew good!

Mrs Merton travels abroad (10pm)

**Mad About Machines: Sew Beautiful**
*Channel 4, 8.00pm*

So far the subjects of this enjoyable series have had a touch of the eccentric about them. But Julie Parr makes you feel that collecting old sewing machines is the most normal thing in the world. She has 70 of them and they take up every spare corner of her house in Sutton-in-Ashfield. Her favourite, a delicate little model from the 1920s, was rescued from a skip. You cannot beat the old ones, she says, for beauty, craftsmanship and character. Luckily for domestic harmony her husband shares her enthusiasm and if a machine needs fixing, he is the man to do it. Julie Parr not only collects sewing machines, she also uses them to make clothes for the family. It is something of a buswoman's holiday for her day job, the one she gets paid for, is sewing PVC underwear.

**Snooker: The Crucible - 21 Years**
*BBC2, 9.00pm*

The second look back at the snooker world championship covers the years from 1983 to 1989 and includes some of the event's richest material. In recent years the fare from the Sheffield Crucible has been less gripping, or perhaps Stephen Hendry has been winning too often. In the 1980s it was Steve Davis who kept winning and it is for this reason, paradoxically, that we tend to remember the rare occasions when he did not. Two of them feature large tonight. There was the victory, against the longest of odds, for the little-known Yorkshireman Joe Johnson. But the match of the decade was surely the final between Davis and Dennis Taylor which kept millions of viewers up into the small hours and was decided in the final frame with only the black left on the table. In the excitement even Ted Lowe rose above his famous whisper.

**1964 and All That**
*Channel 4, 9.00pm*

As the Labour Party approaches the general election it must hope that history repeats itself. In 1964 the victorious Labour leader was Harold Wilson, politically youthful and a moderniser who had taken over after the unexpected death of Hugh Gaitskell. In 1997 the party is headed by another young moderniser, Tony Blair, who took over after the early death of John Smith. The parallels, and differences, between 1964 and now are explored by politicians and pundits under the guidance of David Frost. The programme is a mixture of reasonably serious analysis and satire, with a nod to Frost's 1960s show, *That Was the Week That Was*. John Biffen, Peter Shore and Shirley Williams represent the main parties. Anthony Howard of *The Times* provides the perspective of a seasoned political commentator and Steve Punt (only two in 1964) weighs in with the jokes.

**The Mrs Merton Show**
*BBC1, 10.00pm*

This is the first of three programmes purporting to come from Las Vegas, though the only hint of this is that the guests are American. The set looks the same, and so do the sofas, while the audience of homely middle-aged women called Anne and Dorothy seems to have been flown over *en bloc*. Patrick Duffy, once Bobby in *Dallas*, and Tony Curtis of haircut fame appear before the waspish Lancashire housewife tonight, though both are such experienced practitioners on the chat show circuit that the intended insults simply bounce off. Indeed Duffy not only soaks up the blows but lands a few himself. To her credit Caroline Aherne's Mrs M is unruffled but if this goes on the Merton joke will be nullified and they might as well bring back Terry Wogan. **Peter Waymark**

## RADIO CHOICE

**Eastern Approaches**
*Radio 3, 1.00pm*

I was exhilarated by Roderic Dunnett's voyage of discovery. He goes back to the middle of the 19th century to unearth some of the half-forgotten operas by composers born in countries that, until recent times, were still in the Eastern bloc. Patriotism is the theme in programme one. It proves a strong peg on which to hang some rousing, affecting and dramatic arias. One of them is a soprano and mezzo duet from Moniuszko's Polish opera *The Haunted Manor* which, given regular exposure, I reckon would find its way into Classic FM's *Hall of Fame* just as surely as Delibes's Flower Song from *Lakmé* has done, though it took a television serial and a commercial for it to get there.

**Andy Peebles's Soul Show**
*Radio 2, 9.00pm*

I am a recent convert to soul music, something I owe almost entirely to Andy Peebles and his long-running Radio 1 series, *Soul Train*. His train has now been diverted to Radio 2, a station at which it will halt for 30 minutes every Thursday night. I must say that I was slightly disapppointed, as I suspect some Radio 2 listeners will be, that his inaugural programme is little more than a selection of soul recordings from the likes of Curtis Mayfield and Aretha Franklin, with the minimum of scene setting by Peebles. Presumably he assumes that we know how soul started, what it is, and where it is going. Not all of us do. Peebles has missed a good chance to do a bit of proselytising. **Peter Davalle**

## RADIO 1

**7.00am** Mark Radcliffe **9.00** Simon Mayo **12.00** Jo Whiley **2.00pm** Nicky Campbell **4.00** Kevin Greening **6.15** Newsbeat **6.30** Evening Session with Steve Lamacq **8.30** Movie Update **8.40** John Peel **10.30** Mary Anne Hobbs **1.00am** Dave Pearce **4.00am** Clive Warren

## RADIO 2

**6.00am** Sarah Kennedy **7.30** Wake Up to Wogan **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **1.30pm** Debbie Thrower **3.00** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** David Allan **8.00** Paul Jones **9.00** Andy Peebles Soul Show See Choice **9.30** The News Huddlines **10.00** Stand Up Two **10.30** Richard Allinson **12.05am** Steve Madden **3.00** Alex Lester

## RADIO 5 LIVE

**5.00am** Morning Reports **6.00** The Breakfast Programme **9.00** The Magazine **12.00** Midday with Mair **2.00** Ruscoe on Five **4.00** John Inverdale Nationwide **7.00** News Extra **7.35** The European Thursday Match. Paris St Germain v Liverpool in the first leg of the European Cup Winners Cup semi-final **9.30** Sportshop with Adrian Goldberg **10.00** Brian Hayes's Election Night. Includes **11.00** News Extra **12.00** After Hours — Early Call with Vincent Hanna **2.00am** Up All Night

## TALK RADIO

**5.00am** Chris Ashley and Sandy Warr **7.00** Paul Ross **9.00** Scott Chisholm **12.00** Lorraine Kelly **2.00pm** Tommy Boyd **4.00** Peter Deeley **7.00** Moz Dee's Sportszone **10.00** James Whale **1.00am** Ian Collins

## WORLD SERVICE

All times in **BST**. News on the hour. **5.30am** Europe Today **7.30** The World Today **8.15** Off the Shelf **9.10** Pause for Thought **9.15** Concert Hall **10.15** Farming World **10.30** BBC English **10.45** Sport **11.30** One Planet **12.30pm** Sports International **1.05** Business Report **1.15** Britain Today **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Megamix **4.05** Sport **4.15** Performance **4.30** Everywoman **5.30** Business Report **5.45** Britain Today **6.15** World Today **6.30** From Our Own Correspondent **7.30** The Works **8.01** Outlook **8.30** Multitrack: X-Press **10.05** Business **10.15** Britain Today **10.30** On Screen **11.30** World Today **11.45** Sport **12.01am** Outlook **12.30** Multitrack **1.30** From Our Own Correspondent **1.45** Britain Today **2.30** Omnibus **3.30** Meridian Books **4.05** World Business **4.15** Sport

## CLASSIC FM

**4.00am** Mark Griffiths **7.00** Mike Read **9.00** Hall of Fame Hour **10.00** Henry Kelly **1.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto John Mahon (Clarinet Concerto in F major); Paganini (Violin Concerto No 3 in E major) **3.00** Jamie Crick **7.00** Classic Newsnight with John Brunning **7.30** Sonata. Novon Krufft (Horn Sonata in F major) **8.00** Evening Concert. Liszt (Mazeppa — Symphonic Poem); Dvořák (Four Romantic Pieces, Op 75), Schumann (Symphony No 4 in D minor, Op 120), Rachmaninov (Piano Concerto No 3 in D minor) **10.00** Jane Markham, includes Nocturne **2.00** Lunchtime Concerto (r)

## VIRGIN RADIO

**6.00am** Russ 'n' Jono's Breakfast Experience **10.00** Graham Dene **1.00pm** Jeremy Clark **4.00** Nicky Horne **7.00** Paul Coyle (FM) / Robin Banks (AM) **10.00** Mark Forrest **2.00am** Randal Lee Rose

## RADIO 3

**6.00am On Air.** Includes Beethoven (Piano Sonata in F minor, Op 2 No 1); Tchaikovsky (Suite No 2 in C); Maxwell Davies (Carolisima); Purcell, real Britten (Sound the Trumpet; I Attempt from Love's Sickness to Fly); Leclair (Première Recréation de Musique d'une Exécution Facile)
**9.00 Morning Collection.** Includes Haydn (Piano Trio in D minor, HXV 23); Loewe (Hinkende Jamben; Die Pfarrjungferchen Süsses Begräbnis); Sibelius (Incidental Music: Pelléas et Mélisande)
**10.00 Musical Encounters.** Introduced by Piers Burton-Page. Includes Haydn (Symphony No 51 in B flat); Brahms (Five Part Songs, Op 104); Janacek (Pohadka); Betsy Jolas (Day Music); Liszt (Piano Sonata in B minor)
**12.00 Composer of the Week: Rozsa**
**1.00pm Eastern Approaches.** See Choice (1/4)
**2.00 Borodin Quartet.** Prokofiev (String Quartet No 2); Beethoven (String Quartet in F minor, Op 95); Tchaikovsky (String Quartet No 2 in F, Op 22) (r)
**3.30 The BBC Orchestras.** BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra, under Martyn Brabbins. Rachmaninov (Symphony No 3 in A minor) (r)
**4.15 Ensemble,** with Penny Gore (r)
**5.00 Music Machine,** with Luke Cresswell
**5.15 In Tune,** with Humphrey Carpenter. Includes Max Steiner (Dodge City); Couperin (Magnificat); Berwald (Symphony No 1 in G minor, Sinfonie Serieuse)
**7.30 Sounding the Century: Rachmaninov.** Introduced by Kirsten McCue. Maria Gavrilova, soprano, Arkady Mishenkin, tenor, Vladimir Redkin, bass, Royal Scottish National Orchestra Chorus and Orchestra, under Alexander Lazarev. Rachmaninov, orch Respighi (Five Etudes Tableaux); Respighi (Trittico Botticelliano); Rachmaninov (The Bells)
**8.55 The Undertaking.** The American poet Thomas Lynch talks about his work as an undertaker (4/5)
**9.10 From Renaissance to Jazz.** John Harle reflects on his musical tastes. Includes Britten, Frescobaldi, Cima, Koechlin and Aceman
**10.00 Music Restored.** Anthony Rooley introduces a concert by I Fagiolini
**10.45 Night Waves.** Tony Palmer and guests discuss the impact of the film by Milos Forman portraying the life of the notorious pornographer Larry Flynt
**11.30 Composer of the Week: Amy Beach** (r)
**12.30am Jazz Notes,** with Digby Fairweather
**1.00 Through the Night,** with Donald Macleod

## RADIO 4

**5.55am Shipping (LW) 6.00** News **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today. Includes Thought for the Day **8.40** Racing Pigs and Giant Marrows (4/5)
**9.00 News 9.05 Election Call.** Peter Sissons puts listeners' questions to the Liberal Democrat Charles Kennedy. Call 0345-514614
**10.00 News; One Bright Child (FM),** by Patricia Cumper. With Ben Thomas and Doria Croll (4/5)
**10.00 Daily Service (LW) 10.15 On This Day (LW)**
**10.30 Woman's Hour,** with Wendy Austin
**11.30 From Our Own Correspondent.** Reports from BBC correspondents from around the world
**12.00 News; You and Yours.** Consumer news and current affairs with Mark Whittaker
**12.25pm Kelly's Heroes.** Chris Kelly explores the lives of real and fictional characters **12.55** Weather
**1.00 The World at One,** with Nick Clarke
**1.40 The Archers** (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
**2.00 News; Thursday Afternoon Play: Paradise Radio,** by Dominic Power
**3.00 News; The Afternoon Shift**
**4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope.** Paul Allen reviews *A Greater Tomorrow*, a play about Scottish volunteers who fought in the Spanish Civil War
**4.45 Short Story: Broken Nights,** by Margaret McAllister. Read by Daphne Oxenford (r)
**5.00 PM 5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
**6.00 Six O'Clock News**
**6.30 Harry Hill's Fruit Corner** (4/6)
**7.00 News 7.05 The Archers**
**7.20 In Paradise.** Noah Richler visits gardens in California, Utah and Arizona (3/4)
**8.00 Analysis.** Peter Kellner chairs a discussion on Britain's economy
**8.45 Death in Essex.** Sue Monk recalls her experiences as a supply teacher in a comprehensive school (2/3)
**9.00 Does He Take Sugar?** The programme made for, and by, people with disabilities
**9.30 Kaleidoscope** (r) **9.59** Weather
**10.00 The World Tonight,** with Isabel Hilton
**10.45 Book at Bedtime: The Go-Between,** by L.P. Hartley. Read by John Rowe (4/10) (r)
**11.00 Thirty Minute Theatre: Song of the Whale,** by Steve Hennessey. With Guy Bingley (r)
**11.30 Utopia and Other Destinations** (4/6)
**12.00 News 12.30am The Late Book: Never Marry a Mexican,** by Sandra Cisneros (r)
**12.48 Shipping Forecast 1.00 As World Service**

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# Men behaving not badly, but miserably

REVIEW

Peter Barnard

Gender stereotypes survive down the ages. The bread may now be wholemeal, but men still go forth to win it. Men do not cry, unless they omitted to grow up, like Gazza. Every man of every age knows that at work, there is one thing he must never do: he must never throw his head in his hands and say "I can't cope".

Of course men cry, but the point is that most of them, us, can remember the exact number of times that they have done so. Of course men have moments when they cannot cope, but when those moments loom men note the signs. They walk away from their desks, jobs, families, lives in order to fall apart in private.

The most striking thing about **Modern Times: Brainstorm** (BBC2) last night was that none of the four stressed men it featured could sit down with their (obviously caring) families and say: Please help me. I would venture that nearly all of the men reading this have needed to do that at least once, however fleetingly, but the *impulses of the hunter-gatherer*, the breadwinner, are strong. The confession of weakness is seen by men as the ultimate weakness.

Dr Terry Hirst was a successful GP but when his practice went over to fundholding the paperwork tripled and, as his daughter eloquently said, "the colour went out of his eyes". Terry went to see a gamekeeper he knew, ostensibly because he was interested in hunting. *Terry tried out a shotgun*, walked into the gamekeeper's house carrying the gun and shot himself to death in the kitchen.

Martyn Sheppard and his wife, *Jean, ran a successful corner shop.* When a superstore opened near by, the business collapsed. The couple worked 14 hours a day, but to no avail. Bills piled up, letters from banks were left unopened, Martyn's first job every morning was to pull the telephone cord out of the wall. Eventually he had a breakdown. "I always wanted to be successful," he said. "Now I just want to be happy."

Ray Willox, sociable and outgoing, had been a DSS executive in Newcastle for 23 years. His wife, Alison, knew little about the strain he was under, in fact the family used to joke about the "easy" job he had. Alison did once find a bottle of rum hidden in the garden shed, which *Ray explained by saying that he* needed it on a Sunday night to prepare for the week ahead.

Some years ago, Alison came home from work to find Ray had gone. The police told Alison that Ray fitted the description of a man who had jumped off a bridge over the Tyne; three weeks later the police discovered that this man wasn't Ray. He has not written, telephoned or been seen since.

*Christopher James had a happier story.* He was an executive with British Gas but when 25,000 redundancies were announced in the 1980s Christopher's workload increased. The number of security staff was reduced at night, which *meant that Christopher had to sit* in his office doing his job and watching a security monitor at the same time.

He became ill, lost weight. Eventually he took two weeks' holiday in Tobago and has never come back. He built a complex of rooms, restaurant and pool and runs that from a pair of shorts. He is not in hiding nor is he dead, but, like the other three, to escape he had to change the context.

There are no statistics for how many men leave home to avoid painting the upstairs lavatory and I do not wish to encourage anyone to watch **Home Front** (BBC2) for fear of precipitating a domestic crisis. But watching do-it-yourself *programmes* is like viewing cookery shows: good fun if you enjoy collecting reasons not to do things yourself.

*Home Front* is presented by Tessa Shaw, whose smile should be marketed by Cuprinol: it survives in all weathers. The trend in these programmes is to help "ordinary people" by bringing in designers, who will show you how to make a pair of curtains out of a tablecloth or paint a room in eight shades of scarlet with the result that only a blind man could be polite about it.

Well yes, last night's families seemed genuinely impressed, so perhaps I am being churlish. You do long for somebody to tip paint over the designer's head or run screaming from the room and I am always suspicious when both the children and the adults in a family enthuse about room decoration. That is a new one on me.

*You will have guessed that I shall not be entering Home Front's* amateur decorator of the year competition, even though I have finished two of the five window sills that needed urgent attention about two years ago. *Perfection takes time.*

Another DIY series, **Countryside Undercover** (Channel 4) ended last night. This is DIY television involving hidden microphones *and fuzzy sound but the series has* been none the worse for that. This is the sort of revelatory series that gives Douglas Hogg something to think about, or would were he not *presently thinking about the rest of* his life.

Last night, in *Flying Feathers*, the ornithologist David Braithwaite went after people who produce books giving the precise locations of the nests of Britain's threatened birds of prey. This in itself is not illegal and the people who read the books doubtless only wish to have the information on a sort of trainspotting basis and would not dream of having anything to do with the illegal trade in eggs.

Braithwaite is certainly a convincing undercover man: one of *the people he visited asked him* to write a book on the nesting sites of the sea eagle, an offer Braithwaite felt able to refuse.

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**6.00am Business Breakfast** (11497)

**7.00 BBC Breakfast News** (70737584)

**9.05 Election Call** Liberal Democrat MP Charles Kennedy answers viewers' questions (9436855)

**10.00 Style Challenge** (69403)

***10.30 Can't Cook, Won't Cook*** (51855)

**11.00 News** (T) regional news and weather (4796519)

**11.05 The Really Useful Show** (T) (9159010)

**11.35 Change That** (6580584)

**12.00 News** (T) regional news and weather (4463687)

**12.05 Call My Bluff** (5015316)

**12.35 Good Living** (9846687)

**1.00 News** (T) and weather (77792)

**1.30 Regional News** and weather (50303671)

**1.45 The Weather Show** (39801478)

**1.50 Neighbours** (T) (22738126)

**2.15 Quincy** (2/2) (r) (3843039)

**3.00 Through the Keyhole** (9949)

**3.30 Playdays** (r) (6088497) **3.50** Postman Pat (6212403) **4.05** Felix the Cat (r) (5276671) ***4.20*** *Julia Jekyll and Harriet* Hyde Lynda Bellingham stars (r) (T) (5264836)

**4.35 Return to Jupiter** New series of sci-fi adventures with the characters first seen in *Escape from Jupiter* (T) (7573687) **5.00** Newsround (T) (5151836) **5.10** No Sweat (T) (6784297)

**5.35 Neighbours** (r) (T) (283251)

**6.00 News** and weather (861)

**6.30 Regional News** (213)

**7.00 Watchdog** presented by Anne Robinson, with Alice Beer (T) (2300)

**7.30 EastEnders** Huw and Lenny decide to come clean and the wedding plans are causing friction between Ricky and Bianca (T) (497)

**8.00 Animal Hospital** Rolf Harris meets the staff and patients at the Hampden Veterinary Hospital and roving reporter Shauna Lowry encounters a dog being trained to work with the deaf (T) (8720)

**8.30 Only Fools and Horses: Cash and Curry** An opportunity arises for Del to make his fortune. With David Jason and Nicholas Lyndhurst (r) (T) (7855)

***9.00 News*** *(T) and weather* (826126)

**9.55 Election Broadcast: Labour** (T) (958132)

**10.00 Mrs Merton in Las Vegas** The plain speaking pensioner meets Patrick Duffy and Tony Curtis (1/2) (T) (43836)

**10.30 Question Time** In the second of the election hustings programmes chaired by David Dimbleby, members of the public put the Liberal Democrat leader Paddy Ashdown on the spot (T) (23478)

***11.30 Lords of Discipline*** (1983) with David FILM Keith and Robert Prosky. In 1964 a black man becomes the first cadet at a South Carolina military school where harsh discipline and violent humiliation are the norm. *A maverick senior is given the task* of making sure he stays at the academy — and keeping him alive. Directed by Franc Roddam (T) (101126)

**1.10am Weather** (6614275)

**VideoPlus+ and the Video PlusCodes**

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**7.15am See Hear Breakfast News** (T) (8117010) **7.30** Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (r) (T) (4208565) **7.55** Blue Peter (r) (T) (5700039) **8.20** Secret Life of Toys (3365958) **8.35** *The Raccoons (r)* (9928497) **9.00** Cartoon (2144403) **9.10** The Phil Silvers Show (b/w) (3547294) **9.35** The Munsters (b/w) (8670836) **10.00** Teletubbies (67045) **10.30** The Young *Indiana Jones Chronicles* (T) (1227126)

**11.20 Golf — US Masters** (104687) **12.30pm** Working Lunch (73519) **1.00** Secret Life of Toys (r) (53998854)

***1.15 US Masters Golf.*** Steve Rider reports from Augusta (77475039) **2.50** The A to Z of Food (7492478)

**3.00 News** (T) (7687584)

**3.05 Campaign Roadshow** Nick Ross invites members of the public to quiz top politicians(T) (9997519)

**3.55 News** *(6705768)* ***4.00*** Blockbusters (6888045) **4.25** Ready, Steady, Cook (6881132) **4.55** Esther (9884565) **5.30** Today's the Day (590)

**6.00 Star Trek: Deep Space Nine** (T) (980316)

**6.45 Quantum Leap** Sam materialises as *Marilyn Monroe's chauffeur and learns of* her imminent suicide (r) (T) (517520)

**7.30 First Sight WALES:** Ken Hom's Hot Wok **EAST:** Matter of Fact Election Special **MIDLANDS:** Midlands Report **NORTH/*SOUTH WEST*** *: Close Up Election* Special **NORTH EAST/NORTH WEST/ WEST:** Close Up North **SOUTH:** Southern Eye (869)

**7.58 Video Nation Election Shorts** (869213)

**8.00 Ken Hom's Hot Wok** Crab, Burmese-style chicken and double-steamed *cabbage soup and an exotic fruit dessert* (r) (T) (2590)

**8.30 Top Gear** The results of *Top Gear*'s annual Car Satisfaction Survey. Plus: the new Daihatsu Move (T) (5497)

**David Vine at the Crucible (9pm)**

**9.00 Snooker: The Crucible — 21 Years in the Frame** Featuring Steve Davis's domination of the 1980s and magical moments for Dennis Taylor and Joe Johnson (T) (1229)

**9.30 Golf: US Masters** Live coverage from Augusta (87836)

**10.30 Election Broadcast: Labour** (T) (335328)

**10.35 Newsnight** (T) (482132)

**11.20 Golf — US Masters** (915045) Followed by Weatherview

***12.20am Animated 2*** *(5397492)*

**12.30 The Learning Zone:** Child's Play (7513256) **1.00** Power and Vision — the West and the Rest (27985) **1.30** England's Green and Pleasant Land *(66362)* **2.00** *Language Season Italy* (9627275) **5.00** Business and Work (21459)

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**6.00am GMTV** (6787132)

***9.25 Chain Letters*** *(T) (3553855)*

**9.55 Regional News** (T) (2675942)

**10.00 The Time, the Place** (81671)

**10.30 This Morning** (T) (61108403)

**12.20pm Regional News** (T) (4389671)

**12.30 News** (T) and weather (9769584)

**12.54 HTV Crimestoppers** (79378381) **12.55** Wish You Were Here? (r) (T) (9840403) **1.25** Home and Away (T) (64146478) ***1.50*** *Afternoon Live (51583328)* **2.20** Vanessa (T) (59668823) **2.50** Afternoon Live (5015774)

**3.20 News** (T) (7767774)

**3.25 Regional News** (T) (7766045)

**3.30 The Riddlers** (6130855) **3.40** Wizadora (r) (9781010) **3.50** Oscar and Friends (6793923) **3.55** *Rupert (6076652)* ***4.20*** Mike and Angelo (r) (8169039) **4.45** Sweat (T) (7491039)

**5.10 A Country Practice** (1526855)

**5.40 News** (T) and weather (395687)

**6.00 Home and Away** (r) (T) (551364)

**6.25 HTV Weather** (942565)

**6.30 HTV News** (T) (952942)

**6.55 Election Broadcast: Labour** (828313)

**7.00 Emmerdale** Rachel is worried by Steve's obsession with Home Farm (T) (4768)

**7.30 The European Match: Paris St Germain v Liverpool** Bob Wilson presents live coverage of the semi-final, first-leg match in Paris. Liverpool will be going all out for a win as the Cup-*Winner's trophy is the only piece of* Silverwear never displayed at Anfield (T) (71132)

**NB: Subsequent programmes are subject to alteration and late running**

**Shaun Scott as Deakin (9.30pm)**

**9.30 The Bill** *When a sick woman attempts* suicide, her drug-dealing son and resentful daughter are suspected of being involved. Rawton and Skase think they know how to reach the truth quickly, but DI Deakin disagrees (T) (77381)

**10.00 News** (T) and weather (34132)

**10.30 Regional News** (T) (881519)

**10.40 The West This Week** (227132)

**11.30 Frieze Frame: Forbidden Fashion** Revealing how fetish fashion, has gained respectability and can be bought on the *high street (T) (722687)*

**11.45 Highlander** (243010)

**12.35am In Bed with MeDinner** (3375850)

**1.05 Funny Business** (4812324)

**1.40 Cyber Cafe** (6301430)

**2.10 Stand and Deliver** (5101898)

**3.05 ITV Sports Classic** (75470072)

**3.35 The Good Sex Guide Late** (r) (2769362)

**4.30 The Time, the Place** (r) (35904)

**5.00 Grass Roots** (88508)

**5.30 News** (71633)

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## CENTRAL

**As HTV West except:**

***12.55pm-1.25 A Country Practice*** *(9840403)*

**5.10-5.40 Shortland Street** (1526855)

**6.25-6.55 Central News** (147403)

**10.40 Film: Running Against Time** (88740294)

**12.40am Funny Business** (7001035)

**1.15 Ed's Night Party** (57695)

**1.45 Club Nation** (6473072)

**2.40 Access All Areas** (3881188)

**3.05 Stand and Deliver** (8542275)

**4.05 Central Jobfinder '97** (4630350)

**5.20 Asian Eye** (2472695)

## WESTCOUNTRY

**As HTV West except:**

**12.20pm-12.30 Illuminations** (4389671)

**12.55 Home and Away** (2071126)

**1.20-1.50 Emmerdale** (70743126)

**5.10-5.40 Home and Away** (1526855)

**6.00-6.55 Westcountry Live** (623519)

**10.40 Moments of Madness** (392774)

***11.10 Roadrunner*** *(239132)*

**11.40 Alfred Hitchcock Presents: Prisoners** (106010)

**12.10am Alfred Hitchcock Presents: Revenge** (3475850)

## MERIDIAN

**As HTV West except:**

**12.55pm-1.25 Shortland Street** (9840403)

**5.10-5.40 Home and Away** (1526855)

**6.00 Meridian Tonight** (551364)

**6.25-6.55 Grass Roots** (147403)

**10.30 Meridian News and Weather** (792671)

**10.45 Film: Tagget** (16636403)

**3.05am ITV Sports Classics** (75470072)

**5.00 Freescreen** (88508)

## ANGLIA

**As HTV West except:**

**12.55-1.25 A Country Practice** (9840403)

**5.10-5.40 Shortland Street** (1526855)

**6.23 Anglia Weather** (943294)

**6.25 Anglia News** (140010)

**6.50-6.55 What's On** (478872)

**10.40 Cover Story Crime Special** (392774)

**11.10 Hunter** (910590)

**12.10am Alfred Hitchcock Presents** *(3475850)*

**3.05 ITV Sports Classics** (75470072)

## S4C

**Starts. 6.00 Sesame Street** (14297) **7.00 The Big Breakfast** (98403) **9.00 Bewitched** (48381) **9.30 Sister Sister** (8762861) **9.55** ***Hangin' with Mr Cooper*** *(7127749)* ***10.20*** **The Crystal Maze** (7417720) **11.20 Earthworm Jim** (4694565) **11.45 The Pink Panther** (6126768) **12.00 A Bit of Flava** (4383497) **12.05pm California Dreams** (9478749) **12.30 Ricki Lake** (68687) **1.00 Slot Meithrin** (47240522) **1.15 Deri Deg** (47240577) **1.30 Film: The Mudlark** (76860010) **3.20 Fresh Pop** (7683768) **3.30 Collectors' Lot** (687) **4.00 Fifteen-to-One** (294) **4.30 Wild Britain** (478) **5.00 5 Pump** (8774) **5.30 Countdown** (958) **6.00 Newyddion** (680213) **6.05 Heno** (140590) **6.35 Bob Yn Ddau** (959855) **7.00 Pobol y Cwm** (250861) **7.25 Talwrn y Beirdd** (525958) **8.00 Pam Fi Duw?** (4958) **8.30 Newyddion** (8215) **9.00 Family Money** (7124316) **10.15 Etholiad 97** (756861) **10.30 Brookside** (45294) **11.00 1964 and All That** (12039) **12.00 PPB** (Labour) (5311072) **12.05am Election Midnight Special** (9521782) **1.35 Witness** (4820343)

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## CHANNEL 4

**6.00am Sesame Street** (14297) **7.00** The Big Breakfast (98403) **9.00** Bewitched (r) (T) (48381) **9.30** Sister Sister (r) (8762861) **9.55** Hangin' with Mr Cooper (r) (T) *(7127749)* ***10.20*** *The Crystal Maze (r)* (7417720) **11.20** Earthworm Jim (r) (7080652) **11.40** Pink Panther (6118749)

**12.00 A Bit of Flava.** Black music (4383497) **12.05pm** California Dreams (9478749) **12.30** Light Lunch (61403)

**1.30 Halewijn** Belgian animation (50396381)

***1.45*** **The Feminine Touch/The Gentle Touch** (1956) with Belinda Lee, Adrienne FILM Corri and George Baker. A romantic drama about five trainee nurses looking for careers and love in a London hospital. *Directed by Pat Jackson (T) (53500300)*

**3.30 Collectors' Lot** (T) (687) **4.00** Fifteen-to-One (T) (294) **4.30** Countdown (T) (478) **5.00** Ricki Lake (T) (8774) **5.30** Pet Rescue (r) (T) (958)

**6.00 Hangin' with Mr Cooper** American campus comedy with Mark Curry (T) (671)

**6.30 Hollyoaks** Teen soap (T) (923)

***7.00 Channel 4 News*** *(T) (811652)*

**7.50 Thatcher's Children** (T) (942590)

**8.00 Mad About Machines: Sew Beautiful** Julie Parr shares her fascination with sewing machines (T) (4958)

**8.30 Brookside** Ollie refuses to give in when Nat and Georgia offer an olive branch. *The repercussions of Susannah's accident* start to hit home (T) (8215)

**David Frost in the 1960s (9pm)**

**9.00 1964 and All That** Sir David Frost is joined by politicians and journalists to compare this general election with the one *held in* 1964 (T) (5799)

**10.00 Jo Brand Through the Cakehole** The guest is Lynne Franks (r) (T) (600836)

**10.35 Northern Exposure** Off-beat, Alaska-set *comedy series. Ed is dispatched up river* to bring Joel back from a native settlement (T) (950958)

**11.30 Political Broadcast: Labour** (174671)

**11.35 The Naked Truth** American comedy series. A man goes into hospital for a simple operation but owing to a mix up by the surgeon has a completely different procedure (T) (105381)

**12.05am Midnight Special** Discussion series on the election campaign. With Sheena MacDonald (9521782)

**1.35 Sanders of the River** (1935, *b/w*). FILM African adventure with Leslie Banks as a British Commissioner who quashes an uprising with the help of a loyal chief (Paul Robeson). *Directed by* Zoltan Korda (607904)

**3.15 Saxa** A man recalls an uncertain family history (54673343)

**3.30 Schools** (279527)

**5.25-6.00 Backdate** (r) (T) (7550879)

## CHANNEL 5

**6.00am 5 News Early** (7846652)

***7.30 Havakazoo*** *(2966010)*

**8.00 Adventures of the Bush Patrol** (2591039)

**8.30 Wideworld.** Series examining where the power really lies with the Government of the United States (2583010)

**9.00 Espresso** Consumer magazine (5656861)

**10.00 Exclusive** (r) Showbiz news (6891010)

***10.30 The Great Garden Game*** *(r)* (T) (2676774)

**11.00 Leeza** (9803958)

**11.50 Double Espresso** (45460403)

**12.00 The Bold and the Beautiful** (2594126)

**12.30 pm Family Affairs** (r) (T) (9478942)

**1.00 5 News Update** (92408478)

**1.05 Sunset Beach** Olivia becomes the prime suspect in Del's murder (T) (6593652)

**2.00 5's Company** (1936687)

**3.30 Broken Promise** (1981) with Chris FILM *Sarandon, Melissa Michaelson and* George Coe. A drama about the efforts of a social worker to keep his promise to a young girl that she will not be separated from her younger brothers and sisters after their parents abandon them. Directed by Don Taylor (4471381)

**5.20 5's Company: Late Extra** (14431687)

**5.30 100 Per Cent** (1513045)

**6.00 Whittle** Quiz with audience participation (T) (1510958)

**6.30 Family Affairs** Melanie announces her *career plans, which are bound to upset* her grandfather (T) (1421010)

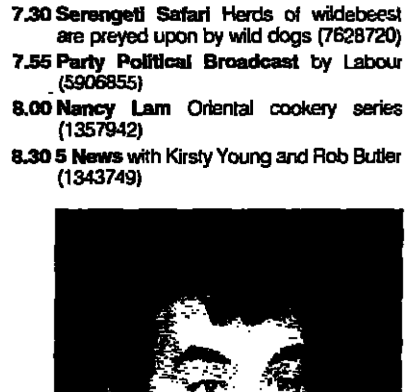
**7.00 Exclusive** News from the entertainment world (1348294)

**7.30 Serengeti Safari** Herds of wildebeest are preyed upon by wild dogs (7628720)

**7.55 Party Political Broadcast** by Labour (5906855)

**8.00 Nancy Lam** Oriental cookery series (1357942)

**8.30 5 News** with Kirsty Young and Rob Butler (1343749)



**Tom Hanks as a comedian (9pm)**

**9.00 Punchline** *(1988) with Sally Field and* FILM Tom Hanks. The story of two aspiring stand-up comics — one a housewife, the other a failed medical student. Directed by David Seltzer (43938497)

***10.40 Bizarre*** *Tales of the unusual (5731132)*

**11.00 The Jack Docherty Show** The guests are Rita Tushingham, Richard Morton and Mary Black (8799233)

**11.40 Bring Me the Head of Light Entertainment** Comedy panel game (2718316)

**12.10am Live and Dangerous** Sports magazine. Includes coverage of a game from the Brazilian football league (66372607)

**4.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H** (6660817)

**5.30-6.00 100 Per Cent** (5548898)

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## SKY 1

**6.00am** Morning Glory (204403) **9.00** Regis and Kathie Lee (81768) **10.00** Another World (39774) **11.00** Days of Our Lives (46010) **12.00** The Oprah Winfrey Show (59818) **1.00pm** Geraldo (12478) **2.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (19478) **3.00** Jenny Jones (18132) **4.00** Oprah with the Stars (31039) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (9045) **6.00** Real TV (9107) **6.30** Married — with Children (6687) **7.00** The Simpsons (6854) **7.30** M*A*S*H (2671) **8.00** Third Rock from the Sun (3294) **8.30** The Nanny (5229) **9.00** Seinfeld (20923) **9.30** Mad About You (54367) **10.00** Chicago Hope (67942) **11.00** Selina Scott (32768) **11.30** Star Trek: The Next Generation (28403) **12.30am** LAPD (60053) **1.00** Hit Mix (8407546)

## SKY 2

**7.00pm** Superboy (4678213) **7.30** Superboy (3321010) **8.00** Sliders (1700126) **9.00** Highlander (1888590) **10.00** Tek War (1790749) **11.00** Late Show (6208671) **12.00** Hit Mix (8366324)

## SKY NEWS

Worldwide news coverage, with bulletins on the hour, 24 hours a day, seven days a week

## SKY MOVIES

**6.00am Little Buddha (1993)** (66912584) **8.10 Rita Hayworth: The Love Goddess (1983)** (85180229) **9.45 The Mask (1994)** (40713316) **11.30 The Land That Time Forgot (1975)** (67869) **1.00pm Little Buddha (1993)** (17010) **3.00 Cold Turkey (1971)** (39519) **5.00 Homeward Bound (1990)** (96942) **7.00 Freefall: Flight 174 (1993)** (38587) **9.00 Volcano: Fire on the Mountain (1996)** (16720) **10.30 The Movie Show** (92126) **11.00 The Mask (1994)** (404585) **12.45am Drive, He Said (1972)** (410782) **2.15 Pretty Poison (1968)** (431275) **3.45 Gimme an 'F' (1984)** (74571817)

## THE MOVIE CHANNEL

**6.10am Black Widow (1954)** (34085316) **8.00 It Should Happen to You (1954)** (24320) **10.00 Billy Budd (1962)** (19381) **12.00 Hart to Hart: Secrets of the Hart (1995)** (14923) **2.00pm Black Widow (1954)** (56836) **4.00 Little Miss Millions (1992)** (2519) **6.00 Shake, Rattle and Rock! (1994)** (42430687) **7.40 US Top 10** (969552) **8.00 Rob Roy (1995)** (12332107) **10.20 The Zone (1995)** (975958) **12.00 Emmanuelle (1974)** (383091) **1.35am Dark Secrets (1995)** (238898) **3.10 To Die For (1994)** (341817) **4.55 It Should Happen to You (1954)** (7011879)

## SKY MOVIES GOLD

**6.00pm Hellfighters (1968)** (8507294) **8.00 Gung Ho (1986)** (8519039) **10.00 Predator (1987)** (4680861) **11.50 Return from the River Kwai (1988)** (5556300) **1.35am The Horror of Frankenstein (1970)** (7000053) **3.15-5.35 Henry V (1989)** (90650053)

## TNT

**9.00pm Memphis (1991)** (69762010) **11.00 The Blackboard Jungle (1955)** (71406010) **12.45am Dark of the Sun (1968)** (10588508) **2.30-5.00 Memphis (1991)** (53383237)

## SKY SPORTS 1

**7.00am** Sports Centre (76229) **7.30** Wrestling (22010) **8.30** Racing News (96519) **9.00** Sports Centre (36911) **9.30** Aerobics Oz Style (16861) **10.00** Formula Three Racing (71720) **11.00** Grass Roots Rugby (71671) ***11.30*** *Skill Sailing (72300)* **12.00** Aerobics Oz Style (94107) **12.30pm** World of Super League (41887) **2.30** Steve Davis' Interesting World of Snooker (94652) **4.30** Futbol Mundial (9316) **4.59** Sports Centre (1819923) **5.00** Wrestling (4519) **6.00** Sports Centre (7381) **6.30** Netbusters (4981) **7.00** Schoolboy Football: Scotland v Northern Ireland — Live (83565) **8.59** Sports Centre (102126) **9.00** Trans World Sport (95749) ***10.00*** *Sports Centre* (95836) **10.30** Tight Lines (75478) **11.30** Trans World Sport (77749) **12.30am** Sports Centre (15527) **1.00** Netbusters (71343) **1.30** Spanish Football (15508) **2.30-3.00** Sports Centre (35614)

## SKY SPORTS 2

**8.00pm** Fishing: Tight Lines (4017381) **9.00** Interesting World of Snooker (4027768) **11.00** Football Scrapbook (9700403) **12.30am-1.00** Second Innings (2867530)

## SKY SPORTS 3

**12.00** Beach Volleyball (57623478) **1.00pm** Inside the PGA Tour (50826229) **1.30** Cricket South Africa v Australia — Live (74109229) **9.30** Football League Review (66190687) **11.00-11.30** Snowboard Show

## EUROSPORT

**7.30am** Rally Raid (73132) **8.00** Motors (31403) **9.30** Cycling (18229) **10.00** Modern Pentathlon (79316) **11.00** Rally Raid (73039) **11.30** *Motorcycling (56229)* **12.30pm** Motorcycling (12045) **1.00** Speed Skiing (97768) **1.30** Mountainbike (11316) **2.00** *Tennis — Live (4502720)* **6.00** Sumo (24836) **7.00** Motorcycling (8836) **7.30** Strongman (82958) **8.30** Boxing (66039) **9.30** Rally Raid (29381) **10.00** Football (77855) **12.00-12.30am** Basketball (49072)

## UK GOLD

**7.00am** Tellystack (1411942) **7.35** Neighbours (5162519) **8.00** Crossroads (3097836) **8.25** EastEnders (6501958) **9.00** The Bill (9738738) **9.30** Don't Wait Up (8789819) **10.00** Never the Twain (4163652) **10.30** The Sullivans (8584890) **11.00** *Casualty (4027836)* **12.00** *Crossroads* (9833382) **12.30pm** Neighbours (6002395) **1.00** EastEnders (8408655) **1.35** No Place Like Home (2617774) **2.10** A Little Bit of Emery (30097279) **2.20** Three Up, Two Down (8487229) **2.55** 'Allo 'Allo! (4532364) **3.30** The Bill (2140039) **4.00** All Creatures Great and Small (5904565) **5.00** Generation Game (30185958) **6.05** EastEnders (4826478) **6.40** Are You Being Served? (1724010) **7.20** *Russ Abbot (4901039)* **7.50** Bullseye (6023213) **8.20** In Sickness and in Health (8057671) **9.00** The Bill (5900749) **9.30** The Equalizer (9235126) **10.30** Bottom (1539590) **11.10** The Young Ones (9791478) **11.55** Alexei Sayle's Stuff (6584836) **12.25am** The Best of Top of the Pops (2770072) **1.40** Miami Vice (4715343) **2.30** Shopping at Night (8666633)

## GRANADA PLUS

**6.00am** The Krypton Factor (5633671) **6.30** Graham's Ark (23425294) **6.50** Josie Smith (50923671) **7.00** *Classic Coronation Street* (4192519) **7.30** Families (4008126) **8.00** Surprise, Surprise (4840039) **9.00** The Professionals (5722519) **10.00** Krypton Factor (2676958) **10.30** Doctor in the House (5766107) **11.00** Within These Walls (4180774) **12.00** *Classic Coronation Street* (5853687) **12.30pm** Families (6523923) **1.00** Albion Market (4134590) **1.30** The Good Life Guide (6522294) **2.00** Diamonds (2677687) **3.00** Upstairs, Downstairs (3352958) **4.00** Surprise, Surprise (3278565) **5.00** The Professionals (5837213) **6.00** Families (4639313) **6.30** Coronation Street (5988805) **7.00** Surprise, Surprise (2121749) **8.00** Upstairs, Downstairs (2130497) **9.00** Coronation Street (3274749) **9.30** The Comedians (6616687) **10.00-11.00** The Professionals (2113720)

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**6.00am** Big Garage (9008316) **6.15** Muppet Babies (7781107) **6.40** The Care Bears (1384132) **7.05** Goofy (6574774) **7.55** The Little Mermaid (1305855) **8.20** Aladdin (6625687) **8.45** Quack Pack (8402590) **9.10** New Doug (2763774) **9.35** Mighty Ducks (3100855) **10.00** Goof Troop (9406381) **10.25** Darkwing Duck (6400720) **10.50** Timon and Pumbaa (3327942) **11.15** *Bonkers (817213)* **11.45** *The Little Mermaid* (5229039) **12.10pm** Quack Attack (2741300) **12.40** Mouse Tracks (5968497) ***1.10*** *Stick with Me Kid (1308294)* **2.00 FILM: Young Again** (67313) **3.30** Timon and Pumbaa (1179300) **3.40** Brand Spanking New Doug (8296841) **4.05** Goof Troop (3639710) **4.30** Quack Pack (9407652) **4.55** Aladdin (9539687) **5.20** Flash Forward (4950229) **5.45** Timon and Pumbaa (397565) **6.00** Bone Chillers (7923) **6.30** Boy Meets World (4403) **7.00** Brotherly Love (8590) **7.30 FILM: Slam Dunk Ernest** (74836) **9.00** Dave's World (30279) **9.30-10.00** Golden Girls (67565)

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**6.00am** Three Little Ghosts (1733923) **6.30** Inspector Gadget (7269519) **7.00** Samurai Pizza Cats (6399923) **7.30** Eagle Riders (6381958) **8.00** Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (8637923) **8.30** Masked Rider (8636294) **9.00** Big Bad Beetleborgs (8723774) **9.30** Power Rangers Zeo *(7509478)* ***10.00*** *C Bear and Jamal* (7170671) **10.30** Eek! Stravaganza (8729958) **11.00** Life with Louie (8289010) **11.30** Eek! Stravaganza (8297039) **12.00** Incredible Hulk (8630010) **12.30pm** Mortal Kombat (7503294) **1.00** Highlander (6298294) **1.30** Eagle Riders (7502565) **2.00** Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (4674497) **2.30** Masked Rider (3413045) **3.00** Big Bad Beetleborgs (4759132) **3.30** Power Rangers Zeo (3418590) **4.00** C Bear and Jamal (3331497) **4.30** Eek! Stravaganza (3320381) **5.00** Spiderman *(4665749)* **5.30** Goosebumps (3417861) **6.00** Sweet Valley High (3414774)

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**6.00am** Road to Avonlea (33671) **7.00** Dennis the Menace (97942) **8.00** Batman (26774) **8.30** An Attack (25045) **9.00** Flash Gordon (43497) **9.30** Bobby's World (52687) ***10.00*** *Romuald the Reindeer* (64519) **10.30** Robinson Sucroe (32381) **11.00** Danger Mouse (97687) **11.30** *Gravedale High* (98316) **12.00** *Oscar's Orchestra* (29861) **12.30pm** Halfway Across the Galaxy and Turn Left (56403) **1.00** By the Way of the Stars (46328) **1.30** Black Beauty (55774) **2.00** The Girl from Tomorrow (4720) **2.30** Ocean Odyssey (9788) **3.00** An Attack (3855) **3.30** Flash Gordon (4213) **4.00** Batman (3720) **4.30-5.00** The Big Dish (5132)

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**6.00am** Tiny Living (8143348) **9.00** *Gladrags and Glamour (8283671)* ***9.15*** *Te* Gordon Elliott (6623010) **10.05** Jerry Springer (7862687) **11.00** The Young and the Restless (6835039) **11.50** Brookside (2103381) **12.25pm** Why Me? Real Life Case Studies (47578364) **12.55** Tempest (8773652) **1.40** Rolonda (8182403) **2.30** The Agony Experience (8633229) **3.00** Live at Three (26150855) **4.05** The Jerry Springer Show (9947294) **5.05** Lingo (79727923) ***5.30*** *Lucky Ladders (9837045)* ***6.00*** *I* Dream of Jeannie (3612836) **6.35** Ready, Steady, Cook (2001381) **7.05** Hearts Afire (1019316) **7.35** Brookside (2655671) **8.05** Rolonda (5525861) **9.00 FILM: Mafia Princess** (8509652) **11.00-12.00** The Spicy Sex Files (2014403)

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### Spanish eyes set on striker

# Barcelona stay tight-lipped on Shearer bid

By Peter Ball

THE North East may not win many trophies, but it is fast becoming the centre for international transfer speculation. Yesterday, Newcastle United rather than Middlesbrough became the target, with Barcelona reportedly offering £20 million, a world record were the transfer to go ahead, for Alan Shearer.

Both clubs were tight-lipped yesterday. A Barcelona official was unable to confirm or deny the reports; Kenny Dalglish, the Newcastle manager, characteristically would not even go that far, refusing all requests for a comment.

Behind the barricades, though, there seems little doubt that Barcelona did make an approach for Shearer this week. Bobby Robson has long been an admirer of the player and made three attempts last summer to take Shearer to Barcelona when he first arrived at the Nou Camp.

"Shearer has to be the best European striker in the game at present," Robson said at the time. "Certainly, Germany, France, Spain and Italy haven't got anybody better than him.

"He is the traditional English centre forward. He is as good as anything England has had since we started competing in World Cups back in the 1950s. He holds up the ball brilliantly, he is strong, brave, powerful in the air and a terrific finisher. He is a wonderful player."

Blackburn, however, turned the bids down, and instead Robson signed Ronaldo from PSV Eindhoven. The arrival of the outstanding Brazil forward, who won the 1996 world player-of-the-year award, made a more prolonged approach for Shearer unnecessary.

Now, with Ronaldo expected to leave for Italy in an estimated £30 million move in the summer, Shearer would make a natural replacement. The England striker's stock soared on the Continent after his performances in Euro 96, and he came third in the world player-of-the-year poll behind Ronaldo and George Weah. The move would also do a lot for Robson's standing in Barcelona, Real Madrid's present superiority in the Spanish League having put him under a lot of pressure.

*Robson's bid for Shearer* suggests that he is far from reconciled to leaving the Spanish club at the end of the season, as had been widely expected. If Ronaldo does leave for Lazio or Juventus, a big-name replacement will be essential, as much for Barcelona's internal politics as on the field.

Shearer: possible offer

But if Barcelona's interest is understandable, there seems little possibility of Newcastle allowing Shearer to go. Although he was Kevin Keegan's last, and at £15 million his biggest, signing last summer, Shearer has a longstanding relationship with Dalglish. Although Dalglish is expected to make some significant changes in personnel in the summer, he is likely to see Shearer as central to his plans for rebuilding Newcastle.

Shearer has three years remaining of the four-year contract he signed when he arrived from Blackburn Rovers last August so there is no pressure on Newcastle to sell. Quite the contrary, in fact, as Shearer's return to his home city was greeted on Tyneside as the return of the Messiah and the Toon Army would revolt en masse at any suggestion of their hero being allowed to depart.

He made his comeback after his third groin operation inside a year in the FA Carling Premiership derby with Sunderland on Saturday, scoring Newcastle's equaliser in the 1-1 draw. He is still Newcastle's leading scorer, in spite of missing two months of the season with injuries.

Since their days together at Blackburn, Dalglish has been among Shearer's greatest admirers and will clearly do everything in his power to retain the England striker.

Barcelona's reported £20 million bid suggests that Newcastle's payment of £15 million last year was not as unreasonably high as thought at the time and, given the present inflated state of the market, an increased offer may be the only lever to prize Shearer away. With Newcastle in the process of floating on the stock market, every one of their assets must have a price and, if the Spanish club was to return with a better offer, there would be greater pressure to sell.

*Shearer's vulnerability* to injury, with three groin operations in just over 12 months, could persuade Newcastle to cash in but, unless the fee Barcelona receive for Ronaldo reaches absurd proportions, that seems unlikely.

Unlikely, but not impossible, the way the market is going. Yesterday, Real Madrid moved to protect their greatest asset, Raul Gonzalez, by giving him a new seven-year $2 million-a-year contract and by writing in to it a transfer fee of $42 million.

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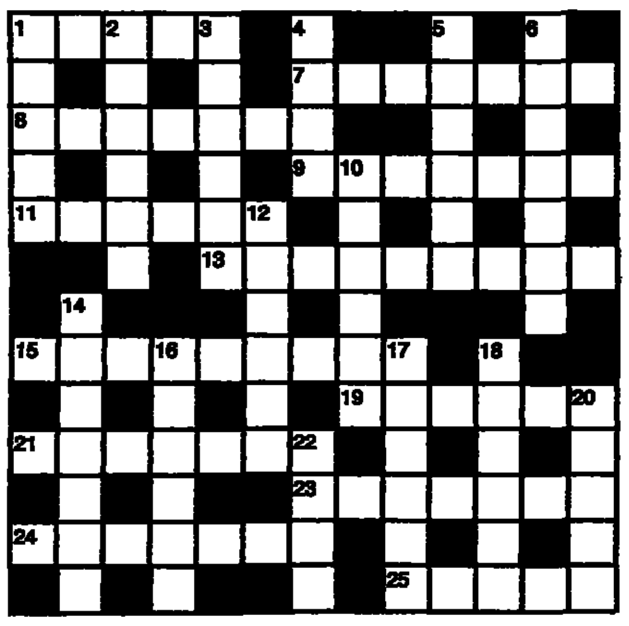

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José Maria Olazábal, of Spain, straps his finger before beginning his practice round at Augusta National as he prepares for the Masters, his first major since his long injury break from golf, which begins today. Report, page 46. Photograph: Lenny Ignelzi

# Hick intent on regaining Test place

By Our Sports Staff

GRAEME HICK has been tipped to regain his place in the England side against Australia this summer by David Houghton, the Worcestershire coach, who acted im the same capacity for Zimbabwe during the winter when they beat England in the one-day international series.

He believes Hick has regained his hunger for the game after a six-month break after being overlooked for England's winter tour of Zimbabwe and New Zealand.

"Graeme was in fine form on our pre-season trip to Zimbabwe and everything I have seen of him so far smacks of determination," Houghton said yesterday.

"He has got himself super fit and now there is the desire to put runs on the board again. The break from the game has been good because now he wants to spend time at the crease.

"I told him at the end of last season to lock his bat away in the cupboard and not to pick it up for six months. Maybe, sometimes, a little boredom creeps in when you are playing all the year round, but that isn't there this year because he has a specific aim — to get back into the England side."

Houghton, 39, who said that he believed that Hick was still the best batsman available to England, has been asked to reconsider his decision to retire from Test cricket by the Zimbabwe selectors. They want him to continue to play a role by helping to consolidate recent successes, which include a drawn Test series with England. "I wasn't having second thoughts, but the Zimbawean Board are looking at the fact that we've had a good season in which we've won a lot of matches and are starting to get onto a roll," Houghton said.

"We've quite a competitive side and they ... would like me to play on a little bit longer just to help maintain the current momentum.

"I'm not under contract to Zimbabwe any more and it is really a case of seeing how I feel around August time and whether I want to play again. The enthusiasm level is still quite high, although it dulls when you have to spend 2½ days in the field. Fortunately, we didn't have too many of those last winter.

"I still feel I can do a job in the Tests, coming in at five or six and putting some experience in the middle order, but I don't think I should be playing one-day cricket.

"I tried to convince them to leave me out because I'm not up to the physical demands any more, but they still kept picking me."

Houghton is waiting to hear if he will be required again by his country in a coaching capacity and admitted that the fact he was still playing made for a difficult situation. "It put a lot of extra pressure on me and it is difficult for the captain in having the coach on the field. Where does the chain of command end?" he said.

"I'm in charge in the dressing-room, but once we cross onto the pitch the captain is in charge. But if something goes wrong, should I take over from him or leave him to make mistakes? Fortunately, we have grown up as a team and it was able to work quite well, but I'm not sure if it would on a permanent basis. I think the coach has got to be off the park.

"I don't know if the Zimbabwe Board are going to re-appoint me, but I was very surprised that they did not talk to me before I left home to come back to Worcestershire."

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# Murray and McCann lead chairmen in division lobby

By Our Sports Staff

THE prospect of a Premiership in Scotland, based upon the FA Carling Premiership in England, came a step closer when chairmen from the ten premier division clubs voted against recommendations for a proposed restructured League of 16, 12 and 12 clubs next season.

The plan to change the present system, in which teams are divided into four divisions of ten, in favour of a 16-team top division was originally put forward Jack Steedman, of Clydebank, three months ago but is certain to fail. David Murray, chairman of Rangers, and his counterpart at Celtic, Fergus McCann, are also looking at change and how the bigger clubs can command more revenue through television.

They are understood to want to create a top Scottish division modelled on the English Premiership and affiliated to the Scottish Football Association. The remaining clubs would stay under the Scottish League umbrella. Any change could take at least 18 months to take effect.

A statement was issued from Murray's Carnegie Sports International company yesterday, headed "Scottish Football Initiative — The Way Forward". "A meeting of the chairmen of the ten premier division clubs took place today to discuss their concerns for Scottish professional football," the statement said.

"The premier division clubs have decided to take forward a major initiative within Scottish football and will meet on a regular basis to discuss the initiative's progress.

"The premier division clubs have engaged independent professional advisers and a further statement will be issued after the next meeting."

The Scottish League management committee are due to meet in Glasgow today and will confirm the end of the 16-12-12 proposal put forward by Steedman. The proposal was due to be voted upon by all clubs at the Scottish League annual general meeting, at the end of next month, but will now not even reach that stage.

Scotland and Wales are to meet for the first time since the World Cup qualifier in 1985. They will play at Rugby Park, Kilmarnock, on May 27. The last time the two teams met was at Ninian Park, Cardiff, the match ended in a 1-1 draw and Scotland qualified for the finals in Mexico.

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# Rafter apologises for drinking lapse

Rafter: regretful

A REMORSEFUL Patrick Rafter yesterday apologised for playing a Davis Cup match for Australia last weekend while still affected by alcohol.

Australian newspapers on Monday reported that Rafter, the world No 43, and Mark Philippoussis went to a nightclub in Adelaide on Saturday to celebrate taking a 3-0 winning lead over the Czech Republic in their Davis Cup world group quarter-final.

Rafter admitted that he was still feeling the effects of drink during his reverse singles match on Sunday.

"I'm glad you brought that up," Rafter said, when asked about the incident after his 2-6, 7-6, 6-4, win over Mark Woodforde, his compatriot and Davis Cup team-mate, in the first round of the Hong Kong Open yesterday.

"It is totally my fault. I think the one regret I do have is giving children the wrong impression of using alcohol to win matches or be a good athlete. You just cannot do it."

Rafter, whose two singles victories against the Czechs had helped Australia to a 5-0 win and a place in the semi-finals against United States, added: "It was a rare occasion for me to go out and celebrate like that."

One of his opponents in the semi-final in September could be Michael Chang, the top seed in Hong Kong, who sailed into the second round with a 6-0, 6-1 win over Melvin Tong, a wild-card entrant from Hong Kong.

Chang did not feature in United States' quarter-final win over Holland at the weekend, but said he was open to approaches for the semi-final. "As far as the semi-final is concerned, it will be hard to overlook Jim Courier for the first singles spot," Chang said. "As far as the second singles is concerned, I am sure Tom Gullikson [the US Davis Cup captain] will be getting in touch."